

**“ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10 a.m. *Communion Sunday* December 5, 2021

*\* indicates “stand if you are able.” UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWs is the small black book.*

INTROIT *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Verses 1, 2, 3* UMH #234

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN *“Joy to the World” Verses 1, 2, 4* UMH #246

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: A messenger calls, “Prepare the way of the Holy One.  
Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts.”

**All: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings light into the deepest shadows.**

One: A prophet proclaims, “Make way in the desert for the coming of God to live in our midst.

**All: Blessed be the Holy One, who comes to live among us in peace.**

One: Are you ready for the coming Day of God?

**All: Let us worship the one who calls us into the light.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Redeeming Keeper of Promises, your messengers remind us that you are the source of peace, justice, mercy, and loving kindness. As we prepare for your coming in your Son Jesus, help us shine as the radiant body of Christ, that we may be light for a gloomy, broken world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *“This Is My Wish”* *Tim & Angela Lauer*  
*Tyler Stankiewicz – Vocal Soloist*

This is my wish my wish for the world;  
That peace would find its way to every boy and girl.  
This is the time, the time for harmony.  
Let love be the song that everybody sings.

(Refrain)

Fill the air with joyful noise;  
ring the bells and raise your voice.  
Let there be peace on earth. Lift your light, let it shine.  
Let there be peace on earth.

I hear the sweetest sound; the sound of hope to come.  
Together we can bring goodwill to everyone.  
Let it start with you, let it start with me.  
Let every nation rise to sing the melody!

(Refrain)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *“Children’s Message”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God. Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

THE HEBREW READING Malachi 3:1-4

THE EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:3-11

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 1:1-4

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Coming Home”* Rev. Jane Kim

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)  
**Offering our gifts to God is a holy act. In this sacred moment, let us offer our gifts and our lives to the holy work of God.**

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Advent Prayer”* Dale Peterson / arr. Lloyd Larson  
*CUMC Adult Choir*

As the Star shone brightly on that Christmas night,  
as the angels sang to all the earth; may the light of these  
Advent candles set our hearts aglow as we prepare for Jesus’ birth.

Hope for those in despair, peace for those in conflict,  
joy for those who have no joy, and God’s great love for all the world.

\*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #94

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Immanuel, God with us, in gratitude for the mercy you showed our ancestors in faith, and in thanksgiving for your holy covenant with all your people, we offer you these gifts and offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(From UMH Pgs. 9-11)*

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\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" Verses 1, 2, 3

UMH #238

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: As we await the coming of the Promised One, may your love and knowledge and insight overflow, that you may live in peace and harmony with all beings for the glory and praise of God. Amen.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

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