

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 a.m. *United Methodist Student Day* November 27, 2022

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Come Flood This Heart of Mine"* *By David Lantz*
 CUMC Adult Choir *arr. By Craig Courtney*

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.
My every sin forgive as one with You I live.

Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power.
Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour.
Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place.
Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your true light divine.
Come flood this heart of mine!

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 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verses 1, 2, 4* UMH #211

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Come, let's go together to God's mountain, a mountain of God' –

All: a mountain of God's glory and peace.

One: Let's prepare for Christ's arrival –

All: the birth of the prince of peace.

One: Come, let's worship the Spirit of love clothed in Christ's love.

All: We are ready to worship and pray.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. In joyful hope we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

1st speaker: Hear us, Loving God, as we light the first candle of Advent.

2nd speaker: Come, Holy One. We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

3rd speaker: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain.

4th speaker: For those forced to leave homes and homelands; for all who dwell in daily insecurity; for all who are weary and without a safe place to rest their heads; for all families in migration, we pray.

All: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE HEBREW READING Isaiah 2:1-5, 7:14

PSALM READING Psalm 122

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 24:36-44

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Made into Disciples"* Rev. Jane Kim

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.
(From UMH page 7)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Even when we're tired, Lord, we long to awake to your presence. Even when we're distracted, we yearn to be held spellbound by your power. Even when we're lost and wander away from you, we hope to rest safely in the arms of your grace. Wake us from sleep, O God; reveal your love and mercy, and grant us the peace of your redemption. In humble gratitude, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In God's love, we find rest. In Christ's grace, we receive forgiveness. In the Spirits' presence, we know peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“I Wonder as I Wander”* *Appalachian Carol/arr. John Niles & Debbie Holland – Vocal Soloist* *Lewis Horton*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on’ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God’s angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we bring our gifts to you, we bring much more than earthly treasure; we bring our very lives. Transform us through our giving, that we may grow ever closer to you. Help us share your peace and love with others as joyfully and generously, as you have shared your gifts with us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We believe that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and the ruler of earth’s governments. Please quiet the clamor of warring nations. We pray for wars cease to the ends of the earth. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Please watch over all the children in Ukraine. In the name of Jesus, Amen. 3

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

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Peace be with you,
All: and also with you.
One: Go forth to bring peace to the world.
All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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