

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 a.m. Communion Sunday December 4, 2022

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

### PRELUDE

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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Verses 1, 3, 4 UMH #203

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**All: God's kingdom has drawn near.**

One: Prepare the way of peace.

**All: God's salvation is at hand.**

One: Prepare the way of righteousness.

**All: God's Spirit moves among us.**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: Mighty One, the spirit of the Lord rests upon your chosen one: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. As we behold your glory in the heavens, breathe your passion for justice into our hearts, that we may defend the poor, deliver the oppressed, and help the weary. In this season of Advent, may your righteousness flourish and may your peace abound, that none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

*1<sup>st</sup> speaker:* Hear us, Loving God, as we light the second candle of Advent. Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

*2<sup>nd</sup> speaker:* The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

*3<sup>rd</sup> speaker:* So, we light these candles as a sign of our faith that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for that God to come and dwell with us. We see our gracious God everywhere with faith.

*4<sup>th</sup> speaker:* O Come, O Come Emmanuel. And, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.

**All: Loving and gracious God, we thank you that you care about us and want to hold us close. Remind us of your comfort for each of us as we look at the animals in our nativity. Help us to show others your love as well. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

### 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 11:1-10

PSALM READING Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Plant Seeds" Rev. Jane Kim

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 "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

*“How Great Thou Art” Refrain Only*

UMH #77

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Gracious God, you offer us a gift beyond price. Your Son is like the sweet kiss of rain on a barren land. Your promised salvation is like the bread of heaven for those who are perishing. In gratitude for your abundant gifts, we commit ourselves to act justly, in solidarity with the poor, and we pledge our assistance to those who are in need. May the gifts we bring before you this day hasten the day when none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. In Jesus’ 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.

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

Insert

\*HYMN

*“Angels We Have Heard on High” Verses 1, 2, 3*

UMH #238

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Live in harmony with one another, through the hope we find in Christ Jesus.

**All: Act with righteousness and peace, that justice may flourish, and peace may abound.**

One: Love with hope and grace, that joy may fill your days like sunshine on a cold winter’s day.

**All: Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

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