ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT COMMUNION SUNDAY

10 a.m. December 7, 2025

PRELUDE Our Lord's Holy Table

by Franklin Ritter

INTROIT All Earth is Waiting CUMC Adult Choir

by Alberto Taulè

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

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!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH #234 Verses 1,2,3

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are and whose we are.

All: We tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits.

One: We remember the prophets and the wild voices crying out in the wilderness.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: We come to repent, to return, to realign our story with God's story.

All: We tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits.

One: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to life anew.

All: Thanks be to God!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

Virginia, Christine & Ian

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Lighting of the second candle of the Advent wreath.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Live the Story You Tell" Rev. Sue H. Yun

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING See Insert

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for God's transforming love, let us bring our gifts and our lives, that through our offerings, others may hear the good news and find their place in God's unfolding story.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Gift of My Life CUMC Adult Choir

by David S. Gaines & Ruth Elaine Schram

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of renewal, receive these gifts and use them to tell Your story in the world. May they proclaim peace to the weary, hope to the searching, and joy to those who long for Your coming. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Go forth to live God's story, to speak truth, act with compassion, and bear fruit worthy of repentance. And may the blessing of God, the Author of life, write grace upon your heart and peace upon your path. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come by Martin Ruther / arr. Rodger C. Wilson

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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