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In Honor of Caroline, Jason, and Carson Henderson
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**November 27, 2022
11:00 am
Traditional Worship**

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

I was glad when they said to me,

let us go to the house of the Lord!

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!

*Hymn UMH # 211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (*Verse 1 & 2*)

* Opening Prayer of Confession

God, we are ready now. We want peace now. We long to receive the Prince of Peace in our world today. But don’t delay too long, Holy One, for soon we’ll be busy with parties, and decorating, and baking, and shopping. Our lives are crammed so full, we find it hard to calendar you in; we find it hard to locate the time to welcome the Light of the World. We need your help, O God. Teach us to clothe ourselves in Jesus Christ. Guide us into true readiness, even though we do not know the date and time when true peace will reign. Wake us up; shake off the cobwebs of our complacency; and take us with you on the path up your holy mountain. Plant your peace within us, so that each day, each moment, we may be ready for the harvest of your love. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

The light of God’s love shines brightly! The invitation is given: Come, walk in the light. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace (*As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love*).

Light the Advent Candle

FWS #2090 “Light the Advent Candle” (*First verse only*)

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 Susan Fulp

Open Altar, Open Heart (*As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor*).

Call to Prayer “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

*The Apostles’ Creed UMH #881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Anthem “Come, O Redeemer, Come”

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon “Let’s Go Up”

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”

**Please stand as you are able*