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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship

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Combined Worship

Gathering Music “You’re Welcome in This Place” Kristen and Bryan
 “Winter Snow”

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation “My Soul Magnifies the Lord” Kristen and Bryan

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome in the name of the Lord, who came to earth so that we may receive love and light anew.

With all our hearts, we gather to glorify the Lord!

Today, let our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

May we, like Mary, respond to God’s presence and love with confident joy. Come, Lord Jesus!

*Hymn “Jesus, the Light of the World”

Hark the herald angels sing.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Glory to the new-born King.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Join the triumph of the skies.

Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Christ, by highest heav’n adored.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail, the Son of righteousness!

Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

*Opening Prayer

O Lord, our Emmanuel, we come to this place ready to receive you once again in faith. We need the hope, peace, joy, and love, that this season represents. We need to listen again with wonder at the magnificent words of Mary as she proclaims her faithful participation in God’s most miraculous gift. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive the words and the blessings, and then to be those who will share with others as you have shared with us. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Bren Feutz

Lighting of the Advent Candle

TFWS #2090 “Light the Advent Candle” v.4

Bren Feutz, Cathy Harris

Open Altar, Open Heart (*During Call to Prayer, all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.*)

Call to Prayer

Led by Kristen and Bryan

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Celebration (*Choruses are sung as children come forward*)

1. O come, let us adore Him,...(x3)

Christ the Lord!

2. For He alone is worthy... (x3)

Christ the Lord!

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

Kristen and Bryan

*Gospel Lesson:

Luke 1:46-55

Sermon:

“How God Shows Up”

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory

Led by Kristen and Bryan

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Love is Come Again”

**Please stand as you are able.*