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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Music Patricia Wheaton
Mark & Carson Munger,
Angie Cooper

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Mark & Carson Munger

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Though the world is at times dark and cold.

We look for signs of your coming.

The world is hungry for righteousness.

We look for signs of your coming.

The world yearns for your love.

We look for signs of your coming. Come Lord Jesus!

*Hymn UMH # 213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*Opening Prayer of Confession

God of love and kindness, you have promised us your presence: to live among us, to right all wrongs, to bring good things to all who wait for your new day. Yet in our waiting, we confess that we have become complacent and comfortable. We long for the trimmings and trappings of an annual holiday, but don't truly welcome the Christ who comes to expose our sin, who reveals our crooked ways, and who calls for us to change our hearts and our lives. Forgive us we pray. Empower us to do the impossible - to CHANGE - from the inside out, by the power of Risen Christ living in us. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the Good News. In Christ, we are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a new creation! 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 signs of reconciliation & love.)*

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Lighting of the Advent Candle

TFWS #2090 “Light the Advent Candle” v. 2

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

Call to Prayer “Just As I Am” Angie Cooper

Pastoral Prayer

*Nicene Creed UMH #880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

*Gloria Patri

Children's Celebration

“Jesus Loves Me” (UMH#191) *(Sung as the children come forward)*

Special Music “All is Well” Pastor Regina

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: “The Lord Will Come...”

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn W&S #3047 “God Almighty, We Are Waiting”

*Dismissal with Blessing “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – Mark, Carson Munger

*Postlude “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Terri Boykin

**Please stand as you are able.*