



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**November 27, 2022**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Hymn of Praise – “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (UMH #203)**

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,  
great David’s greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
And righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.

**Call to Worship:**

Pastor: In the days to come, the Lord's house will be established;

**People: Many peoples will come and say, "Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord."**

Pastor: For out of Zion will go forth instruction.

**People: The Lord will bring righteousness and justice among the nations.**

Pastor: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Act of Praise** – "Glory be to the Father" (UMH #70)

Glory Be to the Father  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith** – "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.  
Amen.

**Ring of Faith** – “See, Amid the Winter’s Snow”

**Scripture Lesson** – Matthew 24:3-8, 36, 42

### **Advent Wreath Liturgy**

In ages past, the prophets spoke of a coming time when God will come and redeem their troubled world. God’s goodness and glory will be established on high; all people will seek out the house of the Lord, recognizing the righteousness and justice of God’s ways.

The prophets longed to experience God’s awesome deeds, revealing Divine glory, power, and salvation of old. They longed for God to remember and turn toward His people, for it felt as if God was hidden from them. They felt defeated and alone.

Those are feelings we relate to and experience as well.

We share their longing and echo their cries, as we wait in hopeful anticipation for Good News to come. For we do not know the day or hour; yet we trust God’s Light will shine brightly in this darkness, and God’s Reign will fully come.

Today, we light our first candle as a prayer of hope for our dark and struggling world. May the real hope that is found in the Lord of righteousness be revealed to all people.

**The Lighting of the First Advent Candle** – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v. 1 (UMH#211)”

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Prayer (Unison)** Living God, come into our world and into our lives anew. When your face seems hidden from us, help us to trust in your promises as we watch and wait in hope. Amen.

**Youth Choir – Ring the Bells**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Eternal God, in this time of Advent anticipation we are starkly reminded of a sense of distance; of how you can seem so far away. You appear hidden when we need you near. Yet in our hurt, doubt, and fear we do not draw near to you. We lash out: against you, against our neighbors, even against those we love deeply. Forgive us, Lord. Awaken us to your power and glory and peace. Open our eyes to the signs of your reign breaking in, such that our hope is lifted, and we are ready and prepared for your glorious arrival. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Extending the Peace of Christ**

**Adult Choir – "Will We Know Him?"**

**Advent Mission Moment - Jennifer Harmon, Bright Future Academy**

**Offering**

**Doxology – “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” (UMH #94)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn** – “Be Thou My Vision” (UMH #451)

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

**Sermon** – “Days Are Coming”

Text: Isaiah 2:1-5

**Hymn** - “O Day of God Draw Nigh” v. 1-4 (UMH #730)

O day of God, draw nigh  
in beauty and in power;  
come with thy timeless judgement now  
to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,  
Uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,  
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,  
that all may dwell secure,  
And finely build for days to come  
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife  
thy sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt  
the earth no more,  
and desolation cease.

### **Benediction**

**Congregational Response** – “Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary” (The Faith We Sing #2164)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you.

### **Postlude**



## **Dismissal**

*Brian Barber, Organist*  
*Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries*

*Rev. Brad Leight Ruth Portzline, CLM*