



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**December 04, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – “Blessed Be the God of Israel” (UMH #209)

Blessed be the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free,  
Who visits and redeems us,  
and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise  
to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David  
a child of grace is given;  
A Savior comes among us  
to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes the herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
The prophet of salvation,  
the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness  
the sun begins to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes,  
To guide the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Savior  
with songs that never cease!

## **Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Listen, for a voice is crying out:

**People: A prophet calls us to change our lives.**

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

**People: For the Lord will speak peace to God's people, and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.**

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.

## **Scripture Lesson – Matthew 3:1-8**

### **Advent Wreath Liturgy**    *“Jon and Roberta Nelson”*

A prophet speaks and a messenger cries out, telling us the Lord will come. We are to prepare the way: to repent and make the Lord's pathways straight. For days marked by the righteousness and faithfulness of God are coming and will be a signal to all peoples. In those days the Lord will bring forth justice and peace, reconciling all creation.

We light our second candle as a prayer of hope, and in anticipation of the peace that will be revealed in the coming salvation of God.

### **The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v. 2 (UMH #211)”**

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of Hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Prayer (Unison) Holy God, come into our world and into our lives anew. Guide us and refine our lives along your way of repentance, as we anticipate the peace of Christ's kingdom. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Ever-faithful God, as we hear the voice of your prophets crying out, we quickly see how the clamor in our lives drowns out your call to change. We are attuned to the impatience, indifference, and greed of this world and miss the righteousness of your way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us back to you via the road of repentance. By your Spirit, open our hearts to your justice and our minds to your peace such that your glory is revealed to all people. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Extending the Peace of Christ**

**Adult Choir – "Come, to Set Us Free"**

### **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** – “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (UMH #196)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

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**Sermon** – “A Shoot From the Stump”

Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Hymns During Communion**

(UMH #213)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

(UMH #217)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus,  
asleep on the hay.

(UMH #219)

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

(UMH #220)

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creations story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

(UMH #229)

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

(UMH #230)

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

(UMH #234)

O come all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

(UMH #236)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around,  
and glory shone around.

**Hymn** - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (UMH #218)

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious songs of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er

all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! For glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

### **Benediction**

**Congregational Response** – “Spirit of the Living God” (UMH #393)

Spirit of the Living God,  
fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God,  
fall afresh on me  
Melt me, mold me,  
fill me, use me  
Spirit of the Living God,  
fall afresh on me

**Postlude**  
**Dismissal**

*Brian Barber, Organist*  
*Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries*  
*Rev. Brad Leight Ruth Portzline, CLM*