

The Prayers of the People

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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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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 No. 100** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 105** "People, Look East" (*verse 1*)

"People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table."

Postlude "People, Look East" - *arr. Raybold*

***** ***** *Please stand as you are able.* ***** *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
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10 AM Worship Service ❖ December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent
Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

Advent should admonish us to discover in each brother or sister that we greet, in each friend whose hand we shake, in each beggar who asks for bread, in each worker who wants to use the right to join a union, in each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves, the face of Christ. Then it would not be possible to rob them, to cheat them, to deny them their rights. They are Christ, and whatever is done to them Christ will take as done to himself. This is what Advent is: Christ living among us. - *Oscar Romero*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - arr. Hovland

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (The Wichart Family)

One: Living God, come to our world.

All: When you hide your face, help us, to trust your promises and wait in hope.

***Hymn No. 364** "Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

Prayer of Confession (Hymn #88) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verse 5)

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel.

***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" - arr. Miller *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there. Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Mark 13: 24-37* **New Testament** pgs. 50-51 **LP** pgs. 61-62

2nd Reading: *Isaiah 64: 1-9* **Old Testament** pgs. 694-695 **LP** pgs. 849-850

Sermon "Tearing Open the Heavens" - Rev. Drew Harrison

Affirmation of Faith (1 Thessalonians 5:2,4-11)

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Minute For Mission - Christmas Joy Offering Vicki Downing

Offertory "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - arr. Fedak

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...All Blessings Flow" **"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication:**

Generous God, every good thing that we have comes from you, and without you, we would be nothing. Accept our humble offerings, not because of their size, but because they come from thankful hearts longing to serve you. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing...therefore we join with the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!