

Welcome and Announcements



Centering Bell

We Come into Worship

“Angels Among Us”

Chancel Choir

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L: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

P: alight within us your flame of hope this day.

L: Grant us openness to hear your message.

P: Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more hope in the midst of fear.

*Hymn of Invitation

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

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**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.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**



*Passing the Peace

L: I invite you to pass the hope of Christ with your neighbors, for each time we connect with one another, hope grows. The hope of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

Please share the hope of Christ with one another

Song of Preparation

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UMH 328

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Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Scripture Reading

adapt. from Luke 15-25, 57-80
The Voice translation

Anthem

“Advent Anthem”

Chancel Choir

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Message

#MoreHope

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

“Angels Among Us”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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Prayers of the People

L: In this moment we pray for all those who are in need of hope. ...

L: We hear the message of God,

P: Do not be afraid.

L: In this moment we give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God’s presence among us, in the words and actions that bring hope in the midst of despair. ...

L: For all who proclaim your reign on earth, we join their refrain,

P: Do not be afraid.”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

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!

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Prepare! Prepare!”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

**God of peace and possibility, we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into
your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.**

***Carol**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

UMH 240

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**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**



Sending Forth with Blessing

Do not be afraid
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Music for Going Forth “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” Elizabeth Tomboulian

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