

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 a.m.

December 8, 2024

PRELUDE

An Advent Prayer
by Louise Stairs

INTROIT

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
by Bob McGee

CUMC Adult Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Verses 1,2,3

UMH #234

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A voice cries in the wilderness:

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: A challenge is uttered from on high:

All: Make straight the paths of our God.

One: Every valley will be lifted up.

All: Every mountain will be made low.

One: The winding path will be made straight,

All: and every rough way will be made smooth.

One: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

The Benzoni Family

Reader One: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Reader Two: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

The first & second candles of the Advent wreath are lit.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

A LETTER FROM MARY

Virginia Lorenzi

SERMON

"Facing the Unexpected"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us open our hearts to share gifts of love and mercy—gifts that are pleasing to our God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
arr. by George Lynn

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As you rescued your people of old, rescue us over and over again, Mighty One. As you purified the saints like a refiner's fire, purify our lives this day and bless the gifts we bring before you now. Through our offering, may those who sit in darkness find their way into the light of your loving arms. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH #203

***BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

May your love overflow in mercy and compassion, as you walk in the ways of Christ.
May you produce a harvest of righteousness, as you live as Christ's disciples to the
glory of God.

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *The Coventry Carol*
by Robert Hughes

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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