

Gathering Creator of the Stars of Night.....Arr. Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Call to Worship *after Isaiah 35: 1-10*

L: Leave your exile behind; God is calling us home.

P: We'll follow the Way through the desert.

L: Enter the desert without fear; God's water will quench our thirst.

P: We'll walk the Highway of God's people.

L: Travel the Highway with joy; God is leading to life in abundance.

**P: We'll strengthen weak hands, and support feeble knees;
We'll encourage the fearful and calm the anxious:**

L: Rejoice! Be strong! God is with us!

P: Come, let us worship our living God!

+Hymn #153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Gathering Prayer

O God, we come today echoing John the Baptist's question to your Beloved Child:

"Are you the one who is to come?"

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the answer for ourselves in the work of justice, the practice of mercy and in the vision of peace.

Make us ready, with open hearts and joyful spirits, to follow in Christ's Way. Amen.

+ Gloria Patri #734

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Representatives FINCOM

Children's Message

Anthem People Look East.....Arr. Nelson

Sharing our Faith Journeys

Brian Spinney

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts / debtors)

+ Hymn #163 All Earth Is Hopeful

Scripture: Matthew 11: 2 - 11

Response to the Word "Sung Amen"

Message

Rev Mike Gelsomini

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering How Lovely Shines the Light...Arr. Callahan

+ Sung Response (tune #147)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

+ Blessing of Our Gifts

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love.

Let these gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your hope for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

+Hymn #178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Sung 3 Times

+ Sending and Blessing

L: Let us journey into the world with our God,

P: to rebuild shattered hearts with hope.

L: Let us spend each day with Jesus,

P: mending brokenness with love.

L: Let us share our hearts with the Spirit,

P: so we may be with those who are waiting for peace.

Response #614 Let There Be Peace On Earth

+ Those who are able, please stand.

Worship Ends and Service Begins!

Calendar and Announcements

December

Today – CE Activity, Deacons Meeting 11:30AM

18th – Christmas Pageant, Council 11:30AM

21st – Blue Christmas / Longest Night Service 7PM

24th – Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Light 7PM

25th – Christmas Day. Service at 10AM

Inclement Weather? Call the church office after 8:30AM to see if we have service.

Won't you share a part of your faith journey with us?
Interested? Want to learn more? Speak to Rev Mike.

Today's liturgy resources: UCC Worship Ways, , Thom Shuman adapted by Rev. Mike

Ministers – The Congregation

Organist – Jocelynn Chaparro

Pastor and Teacher- Rev. Michael Gelsomini

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