

**Order of Worship**  
**November 29, 2020**

PRELUDE

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. David C. Freeman

OPENING HYMN 211

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Ron Jensen-McDaniel

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O Come thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her way to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brittany Watson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tammy Felder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Rev. Brittany Watson

**Reader One:** If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

**Reader Two:** The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

**Reader One:** We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

*(The first candle is lighted.)*

**Reader Two:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. David C. Freeman

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.**

GOspel READING

Mark 1: 1-8

Sandy Watson

SERMON

All the Earth is Waiting

Rev. Donna Hankins

OFFERTORY

*Panis Angelicus*

Emory Molitor & Kelley Ponder

ADVENT PRAYER

Rev. David C. Freeman

**The Advent story of hope and mystery, anticipation, preparation, a kingdom of this world and the next, and a king appearing when we least expect. Heaven touching earth, the footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads as once they did in Eden, and a people, searching for a Savior, and walking past the stable. Open eyes and hearts, that this might be an Advent of hope to the world.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Cory Olson

*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!*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Donna Hankins