

**Order of Worship**  
**December 20, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE *On Christmas Night* Center Street Ringers

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE Rev. David C. Freeman

OPENING SONG *There's a Song in the Air* John Gill

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Donna Hankins

CHILDREN'S TIME Tammy Felder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Roddys

**Reader One:** We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

**Reader Two:** Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

**Reader One:** We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

*(The fourth candle is lighted.)*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Haley Jones

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

Luke 1: 26-38

The Mills

SERMON

All the Earth is Waiting

Rev. Brittany Watson

OFFERTORY

*Still, Still, Still*

Allison Martin, Harp

ADVENT PRAYER

Charlotte Felder

**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.**

CLOSING SONG

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Donna Hankins