

Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Entry of the Queen of Sheba* Kent Holt & Elaine Bultena

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Brittany Watson

OPENING SONG *Noel*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Donna Hankins

CHILDREN'S TIME Tammy Felder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Gorman Family

Reader One: Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

Reader One: So, we light these candles as a sign of our faith that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for that God to come and dwell with us. We light these candles in faith that company is coming.

(The second 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: 5-25

Cherry Light

SERMON

All the Earth is Waiting

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

Come, Lord Jesus

ADVENT PRAYER

The Anderson Family

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

Glory

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brittany Watson