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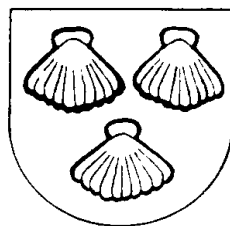
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Second Week of Advent
“Sacred People”

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WE GATHER

Prelude "Freu dich sehr (Comfort, comfort ye my people) A. W. Leupold

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Vs. 2)

UMH 211

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 ways to go
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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Crossing the Threshold

reflecting on the sacred

Rev. Patricia Abell

Sung Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Debra Bostron

ONE: We pray for Love this day.

ALL: We pray for Love this day.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

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ONE: We open to see each person

ALL: We open to see each person

ONE: as a gift of holy presence.

ALL: as a gift of holy presence.

ONE: This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

ALL: This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

ONE: lighting the way to love.

ALL: lighting the way to love.

Congregational Chorus

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Prayer

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Love, we give you thanks for this holy gathering of Beloveds. As we take in the love you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred presence you have promised into the sacred presence we can offer. Amen.

Hymn of Love

“People, Look East”

UMH 202

1. People look east the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People look east and sing today
Love the guest is on the way

2. Furrows be glad though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in the course the flower may flourish
People look east and sing today
Love the Rose is on the way

3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word the Lord is coming
People look east and sing today
Love the Lord is on the way

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Time for Children

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Romans 15: 4-13 (NRSVUE)

Debra Bostron

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;
and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;
and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;
and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3: 1-12 (NRSVUE)

In those days, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

UMH 184

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the world began to be
He is Alpha and Omega
He the source the ending He
Of the things that are that have been
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

2. O ye heights of heaven adore him
Angel hosts his praises sing
Powers dominions bow before him
And extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore

3. Christ to Thee with God the Father
And O Holy Ghost to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be
Honor glory and dominion and eternal victory
Evermore and evermore

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Message

“Sacred People”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer

Debra Bostron

We are wells of the sacred. God’s presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week. All we must do in this moment is open our hearts to the Holy One.

Choral Call to Prayer

“Emmanuel”

UMH 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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Continued Prayer

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

*Doxology

(sung to the tune of “What Child Is This”)

UMH 219

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth reflecting the sacred story.
This, this is Christ the One who mirrors love for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.

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Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

“Eat This Bread”

UMH 628

Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Robert Batastini (1982)
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***Closing Hymn**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

UMH 560

1. Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us
Teach us as sister brother
Each person to embrace
Be present Lord among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live

2. Teach us O Lord your lessons
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people
For all not just for some
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become

3. Let Your acceptance change us
So that we may be moved
In living situations
To do the truth in love
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness
And laughter's healing art

4. Lord for today's encounters
With all who are in need
Who hunger for acceptance
For righteousness and bread
We need new eyes for seeing
New hands for holding on
Renew us with your Spirit
Lord free us make us one

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***Benediction**

Postlude “Toccata on Veni, Redemptor gentium (Come, thou Redeemer of the earth) Paul Manz

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Questions for Reflection

Look for places where the wolf and the lamb lie down together in peace. Where do you see that peace in your relationships, in your family or circle of friends, in the neighborhood, the city, the nation, and the world? Even within yourself, where has peace been forged between previously warring factions?

Household Prayer: Morning

*As I rise, O God, I give you thanks for safety in the night,
for rest from my labors, for another day in this creation.
Turn my eyes toward what is noble.
Teach me to see hope where it is veiled.
Give me the wisdom to desire the good.
Help me to love not only those I encounter
but myself as well,
for with you, I know my many frailties and failings.
Let peace reign. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*As I end this day, Holy One,
I give you thanks for the richness of my hours:
for family and friends,
for people with whom I work and play,
for my neighbors,
for those who fill this world with music and art,
for those whose needs remind me of my blessings
and whose skills make me grateful for differences.
Guard us all, O God, and keep us in your embrace until the daylight comes. Amen.*

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