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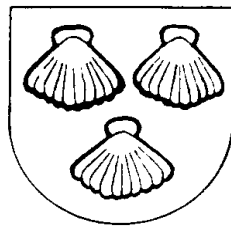
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December 11, 2022
Third Week of Advent
“Sacred Space”

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WE GATHER

Prelude "Behold, a Branch is Growing" Johannes Brahms *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Introit "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Handbell Choir*

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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 Joy *Antuan Hairston*

ONE: We pray for Joy this day.	ALL: We pray for Joy this day.
	We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
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ONE: We open to see each place	ALL: We open to see each place
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 joy.	ALL: lighting the way to joy.

Congregational Chorus Come and Find the Quiet Center *TFWS 2128*

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All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.**

Prayer *Antuan Hairston*

**Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Joy,
we give you thanks for this physical and online space for gathering.
As we take in the joy you offer,
may we be a reflection of your light,
expanding the sacred space of "right here"
into the sacred place of "everywhere."
Amen.**

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

1. Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
God made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings

Chorus

2. The purple headed mountains
The river running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

Chorus

3. The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
God made them every one

Chorus

4. God gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well

Chorus

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 182
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Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, **Meter:** 78.78.88
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Time for Children

Eddie Candee

Scripture

Isaiah 35: 1-10 (NRSVUE)

Antuan Hairston

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Luke 1: 46b-55 (NRSVUE)

And Mary said,
My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Anthem

“Advent Anticipation”

Handbell Choir

Karissa Dennis

Based on the hymn tunes Besancon, Puer Nobis Nascitur and Bereden Vag For Herran

Message

“Sacred Space”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer

Antuan Hairston

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

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and help us,

Luke 1:46–55

according to the promise of your steadfast love.

Let all generations see your blessing,

for your name is holy and your mercy is great.

Show the strength of your hand,

and lift the burdens of the poor.

Work wonders for the humble,

and scatter the plans of the proud.

Look with favor upon the lowly,

and cast down tyrants from their thrones.

Fill the hungry with good things,

and empty the hands of the greedy.

Then we will sing out with joy and glorify you forever;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Offertory

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Handbell Choir

Jefferson

Wm. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1854

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

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***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 joy for all of us.

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.

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***Closing Hymn**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH 206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

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In him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

Refrain

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***Benediction**

Postlude

“Trio from Magnificat” Jean Francois Danddrieu

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Questions for Reflection

What does the kingdom of heaven have to do with the signs that Jesus describes for John’s disciples: “the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them” (Matt. 11:5)? Where have you seen or heard such things?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, at the dawning of this day *Isa. 35:4–6*
new life blossoms like the crocus, and fresh promise wells up like a spring.
As I go forth in your presence, confirm my resolve to worship you, strengthen my hands to serve your people,
and keep me always in your holy way; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Mighty God, my soul rejoices *Luke 1:46–55*
at the great things you have done this day—
giving daily bread for my hunger, showing endless mercy for my sin.
As you have blessed my ancestors bless and keep me this night; in Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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