



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15th, 2019

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle Isaiah 35:10

* *Hymn* "Morning Has Broken" UMH 145

* *Call to Worship – Antiphons 1-6* UMH 211

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v 1-6)" UMH 211

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, as the days darken and the winter winds blow, come to us in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where the blind receive their sight, the lame are made to walk, and the lowly are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13

Sermon: Pastor Jesse Ruch

No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* *Hymn:* "What Child Is This" UMH 219

Apostles Creed UMH 881

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon

Leader: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, this proves God's love toward us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

Offering & Anthem

* *Doxology* UMH 94

* *Offertory Prayer*

Almighty God, we offer these gifts to you. We give what we can and ask that you bless and multiply our offering, so that our sisters and brothers near and far may know of your abundant love and your tender mercy. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

* *Hymn* "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224

* *Benediction*

* *Congregational Response* "Shalom to You" UMH 666

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit. Bold print indicates congregational response.*

PRAYER CONCERNS: Charlie and Ruth, Dale and Cathy, Erma, Amanda, Dot, Anette, Jeremy, Vicke, Fred, Lana, Lloyd, Rich, Nick, Herbie, Ken, Emma, Lucy, Bill, those serving in the armed forces, both here and abroad.

ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays – 6:00pm – Youth Group @ Broadway UMC

Wednesdays - 10:00am – Advent Bible Study @ Broadway UMC

LOOKING AHEAD

Witness Christmas Concert – Today @ 6:30pm, Broadway UMC.

Parish Blue Christmas Service – Wednesday, 12/18 @ 7pm, Broadway UMC.

Christmas Eve Service Times – Tuesday, 12/24.

Broadway UMC – 4:30pm, Port Colden UMC – 9pm

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