

## **December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: No. 314 – “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” v. 3 and refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PREPARATION: No. 92 – “While We Are Waiting, Come” - v. 1

While we are waiting, come;  
while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
while we are waiting, come.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: NO. 347 – “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the shadows clear away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!"

## ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have been a rebellious people.  
We have broken your covenant,  
and we have tolerated injustice in our land.  
We have not shared our food with the hungry,  
we have not sheltered the homeless,  
and we have not aided the destitute.  
We quarrel and fight among ourselves,  
and we use religion to cover our deceit.  
We have become a mockery of our heritage;  
the world looks at us and asks, Where is their God?  
Forgive us, O God.  
Subdue our rebellious hearts  
and restore in us the light of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and rejoice.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 104 – “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”, v.1

O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
a lamp within my breast,  
to do in spirit lowly  
all that may please you best.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 11:13 and 1 Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

SERMON: “The Waiting Place”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We believe that at the Lord's supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again.**

Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread. He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.

In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death. So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY: No. 709 – “God, We Honor You”

God, we honor you.  
God, we trust in you.  
God, we worship and adore you.  
Take what we bring,  
offered to you.  
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 537 – “When at This Table”

When at this table I receive a blessing,  
the broken bread, the wine of life for me,  
then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor,  
and let the Spirit set our spirits free.

If at this table I have need of healing,  
unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong,  
then let me know the hands of God enfolding,  
and let lament become believing song.

If at this table I forget the hungry,  
the dispossessed and warfare’s spreading stain,  
then let this bread become the bread of judgment,  
this wine the sharp awareness of that pain.

If at this table I make dedication  
to give my life in serving what is good,  
then let my center be where God invites me,  
and show the words of Jesus understood.

What faith I have, I bring to join this table,  
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;  
with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing,  
the feast where God is making all things new.

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Text: Traditional

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly\_\_ Lord, God of pow - er, God\_\_ of\_\_ might,  
2. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus\_\_ Christ: dy - ing, you de - stroyed our\_\_ death;



hea - ven and the earth are\_\_ full, are full\_\_ of your glo - ry, O Lord. Ho - san - na,  
ri - sing, you re - stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry to reign. O come,



ho - san - na! How bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
O come,\_\_ Em - man - u - el! Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry to reign.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

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