



Court Street United Methodist Church  
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10 A.M. Worship Service  
December 6, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



## WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

*Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.*

Prelude "Three Variations on "Veni Emmanuel"" *Greg Sewell*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Second Sunday

### Call to Worship

*Leader:* O Lord, you are righteous and just; you forgave your people and pardoned all our sin.

***People:* Let us hear what God will speak, for God speaks peace; God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn their hearts toward God.**

*Leader:* Salvation is at hand! Stand in fear and great awe. God's glory is drawing near, and will dwell in our land, soon and very soon.

***People:* Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

*Leader:* Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

***All:* God will provide what is good, and will bring a great increase. Righteousness will go before, and will make a path in the wilderness. Let us worship the God who draws near in Christ!**

—Based on Psalm 85

Opening Hymn UMH #234, vs. 1-4

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for The People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn UMH #657

**"This Is The Day"**

Children's Message

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs. 1

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Real Restoration!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“I Wonder As I Wander”

*arr. Niles/Horton*

Performed by Nancy Shindel

**Doxology UMH #94**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## THE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Please partake of your own bread and grape drink  
as Pastor Cal delivers The Great Thanksgiving.

## WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

**Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #220**

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

Benediction

May the Lord make you increase in love for one another, nurturing one another in our community of faith, uplifting one another in times of struggle or sorrow, sharing with one another in all that you possess.

May the Lord make you abound in love for all, giving of yourselves the way Christ gives to you, witnessing to the ever-widening circles of God’s love, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, who breathes life into all of God’s children.

May the Lord make love grow within you and extend to all around you, as together we await his coming.

Postlude

“Lo, How a Rose ‘Ere Blooming”

*arr. John M. Rasley*



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