

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Hope

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The God of peace calls us to this season of anticipation;  
the God of love summons us to this time of worship.

**ALL: I was glad when they said to me;  
Let us go to the house of our God.**

ONE: Let all people and all nations bow together in praise.  
Let us wake up from sleep to welcome our salvation.

**ALL: Here we will seek the light God offers us;  
here we will prepare to walk in God’s path.**

ONE: Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day.  
Let us watch for the One who makes all things new.

**ALL: We will equip ourselves as Jesus’ disciples,  
watching and waiting and serving in Christ’s name.**

\*Song of Praise “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” Celebration Hymnal 293

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Gracious God, make this hour of your coming to us. Break into our routines, transform our vision, equip us to hear and see you at work among us. Take away our lust for dominating, that we may meet one another as equals in your sight. Remove our warring spirits, to open us to your peaceful ways. Send your light to illuminate our thinking and warm our responses. Amen.

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Offertory Prayer

*We gather...*

Teresa Curless and John Peters

*We connect...*

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 and 52:7-9

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Choir Anthem

“Children’s Time”

Rev. Lew Worthington

Sermon

“A New Hope”

Rev. Lew Worthington

Service of Communion

Communion Hymn

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

No. 291

Uniting in Covenant

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

*We receive...*

\*Hymn of Response “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Celebration Hymnal No. 244

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“Make Us One”

Make us one Lord, make us one  
Holy Spirit, make us one  
Let our love flow, so the world will know  
We are one in you; we are one in you.

*We respond...*

\*Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.

## ***Isaiah 2:1-5 and 52:7-9***

**2**The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Church Covenant**

**We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

We love...

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