

Welcome! *We are so glad you’ve chosen to worship with us today. This is the Lord’s house, and here everyone is truly welcome. Our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open to you. We invite you to make yourself at home in this sacred space, and to join fully in worship as we sing, pray, and praise God together. When you see an asterisk (*) in the bulletin, please stand as you are able—your presence and participation bring life and joy to our worship.*

Gathering “Toda la Tierra/All Earth Is Waiting” UMH 210

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; Open new highways, new highways for the Lord. He is now coming closer, so come all and see, And open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

Montes y valles habrá que preparar; nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar, y todas las puertas de par en par.

Welcome and Announcements Jennifer Aguirre

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

Choir & Congregation “Lift Up Your Eyes” Choir & Congregation

Lift up your eyes and see the light surround you; with radiant hope, illuminate the night. Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heaven ring, lift up your eyes and see the everlasting light.

*Advent Call to Worship “The Light of Love” John & Karen Logsdon

Leader: In a world asunder by violence, Jesus says, “No more.”
People: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.”
Leader: In a world where hurting people are too often neglected, Jesus says, “No more.”
People: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.”
Leader: In a world another’s needs are too often overlooked, Jesus says, “No more.”
People: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.”

Lighting of the Advent Candle “The Light of Love” John & Karen Logsdon

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Closing Prayer John & Karen Logsdon

* Hymn of Praise “Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates” UMH 213

Affirmation of Faith UMH 883

Choral Response “Gloria Patri” UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Reading 1 James 5:7-10 Choir

Choir “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” Choir

Hymn “God Almighty, We Are Waiting” vv. 1,2 W&S 3047

God Almighty, we are waiting for a Savior to appear. Meet us in our desert journey; give a sign that you are near: Burning bushes, parted waters, food aplenty in the wild. As we look for signs and wonders, help us see you in a child.

God Incarnate, we are waiting for the feast day of your birth. Looking back and looking forward to the Christ’s return to earth. Help us to proclaim the gospel, ‘til the world is reconciled. Let us set your holy table for each woman, man and child.

Reading 2 Isaiah 35:1-10 Choir

Choir “Every Valley” Choir

Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv.1,2 UMH 211

Reading 3 Isaiah 9:2-7 Choir

Choir “For Unto Us” Choir

Hymn “Hark! The Hearld Angels Sing” vv. 1,2 UMH 240

Reading 4 Luke 2:8-14 Choir

Choir “Angel Band” Choir

Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory” vv. 1,2 UMH 220

Choir “A Tribute of Carols” Choir

Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” v. 4 UMH 220

* Offertory Prayer Jennifer Aguirre

Gracious God, even amid storms and doubt, you call us to see with kingdom eyes and to trust in your healing and hope. In this Advent season, we offer these gifts as signs of our joy and trust in your grace. Use our giving and our lives as witnesses to your good news and as lights of your coming reign. In the name of Jesus, our hope and Redeemer. Amen.

Offertory Music Jill Jones-Lazuka

