

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:
Be the hands
and feet
of Christ*

**December 6, 2020
Order of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday**

Prelude
Greeting

Light the candle of "PEACE"

LITANY OF PEACE

For unto us a child is born, and one of his names is "Prince of Peace".

And we, his followers, have promised that we will serve this Prince of Peace.

God, you have promised through your prophet Jeremiah that you will bring to all of your people healing and abundant peace through your son, Jesus.

And we, his disciples, have pledged that we will follow Jesus to bring healing and peace to all people.

And yet, dear Loving God, this earth that you love is not filled with peace and justice.

Because we, your children have failed to rebuke violence and injustice and unrighteousness. Instead, we have chosen to divide and conquer, to name some outsiders and ourselves insiders. We have turned away from your call to repent, repair, and reconcile. AMEN.

Call to Worship

Days are getting darker.

Who will come to give us light?

The voice of the prophet cries in the wilderness of our lives!

Is this prophet the One who brings the light?

This prophet brings witness to the Light which is coming for all people.

Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

What have you come to see?

We have come to see the Light.

The light of hope is here for you.

God's hope shines through our darkness.

Come, worship the Lord of Light and Hope!

Praise God for the breaking of light into our lives. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, where there seems to be no way
to end the conflict and violence in our time,
we pray that you would teach us, O Christ,
to prepare the way;

where we can see no way
to provide for the needs of all people,
we pray that you would show us, O Christ,
how to prepare the way;
where we can find no way
to work together for justice,
we pray that you would change us, O Christ,
until we prepare the way;
where we are unable to believe in a way
to live simply, responsibly and mindfully,
we pray that you would inspire us, O Christ,
to faith that prepares the way;
in a world where we are tempted
to see so many of our challenges as dead-ends,
we pray for a new vision, a new heart and a new commitment
to prepare the way for your reign,
your grace, your shalom
and for the liberation, justice, and peace that you bring.
AMEN.

Opening Hymn“

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

UMH No. 521

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

When I'm troubled, Lord walk with me, (walk with me)
When I'm troubled, Lord walk with me, (walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

TFWS 2145

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Young Disciples' Time

Anthem

We Shall Overcome

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,' "

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Crying Out in the Dark of Wilderness"

Pastor Orr

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

December is upon us, Lord, and we are on the "greased slide to Christmas." Time seems to get away from us and we get trapped in the buy-wrap-send syndrome. Lord, we confess that it is easy to get involved in all these opportunities and stresses that come our way. Forgive us when we put our faith on a back burner and focus instead on pressures in our lives. Help us to take time to see your beam of direction which shines in our path, leading us to peace and hope. Clear our spirits of the frustrations and anxieties of this season, so that the Light which you are sending into the world will truly shine in and through us to others. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our Hope and our Light. AMEN.

(All pray in silence)

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. AMEN.

The blood of Christ, given for you. AMEN.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Benediction

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Today's Worship Leaders


PreacherPastor Freddie Orr
Liturgist..... Valerie Orr
Music DirectorDavid Forbus
Accompanist..... Laura Benton
A/V Team.....Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh

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