**Sharing of Ministry Announcements**

**Prelude** by Robert Lau

*“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the

 way of the Lord!”

**People: Make God’s paths straight.**

 Leader: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will

 be leveled.

 **People: The crooked will be made straight.**

Leader: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

 **People: All will see the salvation of God.**

Leader: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

 **People: The Lord is coming!**

**Opening Hymn** UMH, Number 209

 *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”*

**Opening Prayer**

 **Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.**

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle: PEACE**

**Scripture Reading** (Video) Isaiah 40: 1-11

Reader 1: From the foundation of Jesse, from the stump, there

 shall come a new shoot!

Reader 2: God’s spirit shall rest upon him.

Reader 1: He shall find delight in all of God’s creation!

Reader 2: Peace shall reign – old enmities shall cease! For on

 that day we will celebrate God’s love with one

 another.

Reader 1: Today we light two candles. The first is the candle of Hope in the promise of the Coming Messiah. [*Reader 2 to light the first candle*]

The second candle is the candle of PEACE, enabling us to look at our world, to get rid of all those things that keep us from experiencing peace with God and with one another. [*Reader 2 to light the second candle*]

**Special Music** SOTA Dancers

**Children’s Message**

 \*\* Children, please remain in your seats. We will all enjoy the message together.

**A Time of Prayer**

* **Prayer of Petition**
* **“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.*

**A Call to Faithful Giving**

 **Offertory** arr. by Michael Thomas

 “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

**Scripture Reading** (Video) Isaiah 9: 2-7

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Lenore Hosier

“Because of Bethlehem we have Peace”

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Closing Hymn** UMH, Number 210

 *“Toda la Tierra”*

**Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**  arr. by Jason D. Payne

 *“Postlude on ‘Hyfrydol’”*

**Our Acolytes Serving You Our Lay Readers Serving You**

 Evan Hartzel – 8:15am Ann Burns – 5:30pm

 Dante Cruz – 10:45am Kent Weiland – 8:15am

 Barry Rake – 10:45am

**Sound Board Operator** **Graphics Originator**

 Brandon DeArment – Sunday Rob Hosier

**Screen Graphics Operators**

 Bob Burns – 5:30pm

 Lew Litz - Sunday

 **Ushers Serving You**

 5:30pm 8:15am

 Lynn Broughton John Springman

 Carl Livermore David Livermore

 Tony Mileto David Cappa

 Bob Thomas Penny Cappa

**December Mission Project: Gatehouse Hospice**

Housed in the former Divine Providence Hospital, the Gatehouse is a place for those individuals and families facing terminal illnesses.

Copies of the November 2020 Church Council Report are available on the information table in the lounge for anyone who is interested.

 

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 Second Weekend of Advent

 **a celebration of worship**

 **December 5 & 6, 2020**

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