**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

**Order of Worship**

**9:00 Zoom Edition** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5046768135**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5046768135)

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**AND**

**10:30 am In-Person Worship**

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude (10:30 am only)** Musician Patrice Meschke

**Welcome** Pastor Heidi Vardeman

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days …

**All: … when the nations 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 anymore.**

**Hymn #2, vs. 1** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,**

**born to set thy people free;**

**from our fears and sins release us,**

**let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,**

**hope of all the earth thou art;**

**dear desire of every nation,**

**joy of every longing heart.**

**Call to Worship** Teresa Emde

We come to worship, to worship and adore.

**To give thanks for a God who loves us so much that God sent a son.**

To teach, heal, guide and love you.

**We come to worship, to prepare our hearts and minds for that blessed birth**

Let us join together to worship God.

**Hymn #12, vs. 1-2** People Look East

**People, look east. The time is near**

**Of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able,**

**Trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,**

**One more seed is planted there:**

**Give up your strength the seed to nourish,**

**That in course the flower may flourish.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the rose, is on the way.**

**Confession of Sin**

**Forgive us, loving God, for our lazy ways. We have ignored people who are in need. We have not loved our neighbors. We have tolerated violence. We have permitted the abuse of the earth. We have forgotten that we do not live for ourselves but for you. Help us to change. Take us, shake us and remake us so we may be not the people we are, but the people you want us to be. Amen.**

**Sung Response** *(unison)*

**You are the Lord, the Author of mercy**

**You are the Christ, the Pattern of mercy**

**You are the Lord, who holds us in mercy**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends … Believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia and amen!**

**Song of Rejoicing** *(unison)*

**Sing to the glory of the God who creates us,**

**Sing to the glory of the Christ who redeems us,**

**Sing to the glory of the Holy Spirit,**

**Who sustains and comforts us.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**is now and ever shall be,**

**World without end, world without end,**

**World without end. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Concerns of The Church**

**Scripture** Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon’s seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**Hymn #9, vs. 1** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,**

**and ransom captive Israel**

**that mourns in lonely exile here**

**until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**shall come to you, O Israel.**

**Sermon** A Message of Hope

**Hymn #12, vs. 3** People Look East

**Birds, though you long have ceased to build,**

**Guard the nest that must be filled.**

**Even the hour when wings are frozen**

**God for fledging time has chosen.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the bird, is on the way.**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of The People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Offertory**

**Doxology, #591**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn #12, vs. 4** People Look East

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim**

**One more light the bowl shall brim,**

**Shining beyond the frosty weather,**

**Bright as sun and moon together.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the star, is on the way.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song** While We Are Waiting, Come!

**While we are waiting, come**

**While we are waiting, come**

**Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,**

**While we are waiting, come**

**Fellowship**