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Welcome To Worship

December 12, 2021

9:30 a.m.

The Advent Of Our Lord Is Now... US!
~Ways Of Resistance and Renewal~



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Preparing To Worship...



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✧ **Warm Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

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✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

How Are You As You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

~The Joy of Passing the Peace~

~ Sharing Wisdom of the Season ~

✧ **Gathering As God's People: Our Theme** (Based upon our theme and a Benedictine Blessing)

Pastor: The Advent of our Lord is now...**US!** Once again, Christ is about to be birthed...*within us*. And so it is: The season renews us, enabling us to recognize and resist that which is not life giving, that not of God's deepest desires for us. Yes, this season of living into the mystery is a blessing!

All: The season blesses us with discomfort.

One: The season blesses us with anger.

All: The season blesses us with tears.

One: We are blessed with enough foolishness to believe that we make a difference in the world...beginning with our own lives; that we can do what others claim cannot be done: to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor...to ourselves and each other!

All: We shall not be left wanting for as we resist the ways of the world, we are renewed in the ways of mystery! It is the Advent of...US! Pay Attention! Be Astonished! Tell about it!



✧ Advent Candle Lighting: What are you *resisting* in order to be renewed?
~Ken Kehl is paying attention, is astonished, and tells us about it!~

✧ **Gathering Special Music Video –**

A Music Video: I Shall Not Want, Audrey Assad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12NMGC5YjYY>

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God’s Grace**

✧ **Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God** (Based on theme and Ann Weem’s Kneeling in Bethlehem)

Some of us...*I*...walk into Advent tethered to my unresolved yesterdays...the pain still stabbing, the hurt still throbbing. It’s not that I don’t know better; it’s just that I can’t stand up anymore by myself. On the way to Bethlehem, who will give me a hand? ...make room for me? ...see I have had quite enough? And...I know God sees me and is still throwing stars my way...if only I will open my eyes...and my heart to possibility!

So, when I begin to think I can predict the absence or advent of God, box the Christ in a stable in Bethlehem, rather than take the lid off His possibility for me...when I keep God out of my life and don’t take the hand of help offered me...the story tells me...that’s just the time God will be born in a place within me, and beyond me, I haven’t imagined and won’t want to believe.

I join those who wait for God watching with our hearts and not our eyes, listening...always listening...for angel words. Waiting with others is just what I need! I hear You calling me.

I so long for the “quite enough” of Bethlehem in my life! May this season be the Advent of me! Holiness, may I find renewal as I resist the ways of the world and lean into the Holiness of daily life. May I pay attention, be astonished, and tell about it! I lean into the mystery of Your presence.



✧ You may wish to name with God a place of in your life for which you seek light; or you may share with God a happening of “quite enough” in your life for which you are most thankful; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining his healing light all around and through you.

✧Tippe Kids’ Time

✧Bible Wisdom Teachings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 3:7-18

Philippians 4:4-7

One: This is the way our story is told. Spirit speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

All: Thanks be to our God.

~Slideshow~

✧Prompting

The Advent Of The Lord Is Now...US!

“I Am Wondering...About Holy Expectations”

Rev. Karen S. Hagen

Do not comfort us. Inspire us to resist apathy and violence and insist on your peace and wholeness in our homes, our communities, and our world, always. Amen.

Shannon E. Sullivan
from WE PRAY WITH HER

✧Special Music Video: “Resilient” Rising Appalachia
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tx17RvPMaQ8>

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention...*Our Prayer*** (By I. Ahmed)

I'm not going to rush anything. I'm not going to stress out or worry about how things will work out for me. Instead of overthinking, I will align my faith with Divine timing and trust that everything that belongs in my life is making its way toward me right now. Holy Love permeates and inspires me.

✧ **Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

(We share a version of the Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Prayer)

✧ **Quieting Ourselves for Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of Your name echoes through the universe!
The way of Your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, "in-courage" us.
From trials too great to endure, show us the way through.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For You reign in the glory of the power that is LOVE,
now and forever! Amen.**

✧ **Giving Thanks For Our Community...Our Sustaining Gifts!**

✧ **Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving? Or...

✧ **Our Response ...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***



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