



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

December 19, 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
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preparing To Worship...



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- ✧ Warm Welcome and Community News
- ✧ Readyng 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?
~Judy Mundy 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)

Is it all sewn up -- my life?

Is it at this point so predictable, so orderly, so neat, so arranged, so right, that I don't have time or space for listening for the rustle of angel's wings or running to stables to see a baby?

Could this be what He meant when He said, 'Listen, those who have ears to hear... Look, those who have eyes to see?'

Lord, tell me my life is not all sewn up and that there is still time for me to travel with Joseph and Mary... that there is still room for me in the inn...in the manger...this season.

O God, give me the humbleness and the beginning trust of Daddy Joseph and Mommy Mary who believed beyond the facts of life and lived into faith. His love, Her Love must have been great to have trusted so deeply!

Lord, shape my faith! Help me look...at my life...help me listen...to my life. Help me see and hear You above all else.

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 way in which your life is too orderly for there to be any space for God; or you may share with God a new spaciousness opening within you; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you in the pew this morning shining his healing light all around and through you.

✧ **Tippe Kids' Time**

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

Mathew 1:18-25

Luke 1:26-45

Luke 1:46-55...Let's All Read Together!

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!

"Mary, Joseph, and I Say...YES!"

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

✧ **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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