

Morning Worship and Holy Communion

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Beginning Music "This Christmastide"

Prelude "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" RoseAnne Homola

Words to ponder: "Wilderness, exile, tribulation, rejoicing: Your way runs through all of these, O God. May we prepare this way anew."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Isaiah 64:1-9;
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Scriptures for 3rd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 40:1-11;
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle/Reading The Doyle Family

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fea.

People: **Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.**

Leader: The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

People: **Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day.**

Leader: Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

People: **Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

God, we are confident you are coming, bringing a world where all will be made right. Calm our anxiety, strengthen our patience, and keep our hope aflame, as we work towards, and wait for, your new day. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Eunice Alberts,
Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Marsha Moore

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Heather Arnold,
Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

Sermon "*Go Tell It on the Mountain*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Sometimes, we are not ready for things to be made new. Help us, God, to imagine the new earth that you envision for our word. Help us see ourselves in it. Give us wisdom and courage to hasten the coming of your day. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Prayers of Our Saints Bill Florin, Tim Quinn

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) O God, who restores and makes new, let these gifts prepare the way: for good news proclaimed, for people comforted, and for the earth tended. Through our giving, may all partake of an abundant yield of peace. We believe it will be so. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "People Look East" Sheryl Rajpolt,
Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

Benediction "Star Child" Rose and Dave Aiello, guitar

Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Leader: Heather Arnold; Children's Time: Marsha Moore

Soloist(s): Rose Aiello, Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York

Organist: RoseAnne Homola; Pianist Ron Giannattasio
Dave Aiello, Guitar

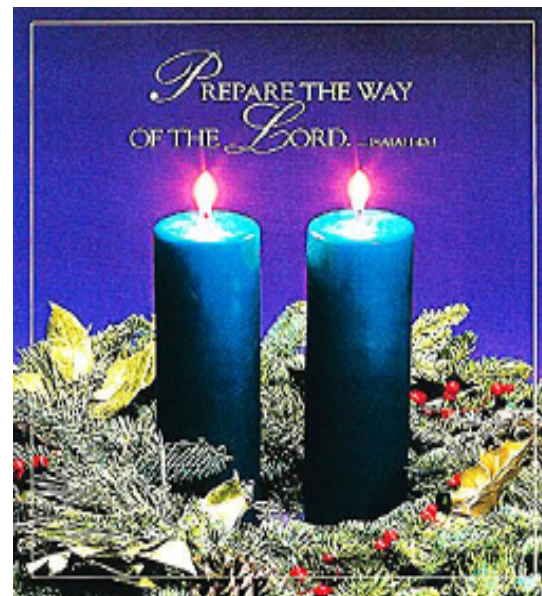
Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader

All Saints' Day Readers: Bill Florin, Tim Quinn

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leader: Maggie Flemma

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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