

Morning Worship

December 19, 2021, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Love of Home
~Forth Sunday of Advent~

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Love" Lennon Family

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Luke 1:46-51,54-55 Leader

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Leader: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
People: for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

People: according to the promise He made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to His descendants forever.

***Opening Hymn** "Come Down O Love Divine" UMH #475

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader
We worship and adore You, *EI-Elyon*, the Most High God. You are the First Cause of everything, the Possessor of the heavens and the earth. You are the everlasting God, the great God, the living God, the merciful God, the faithful God, the mighty God. You are Truth, Justice, Righteousness, and Perfection. You are *EI-Elyon* – the

Highest Sovereign of the heavens and the earth. Hallowed be Your Name! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "My Soul Glorifies the Lord"

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Micah 5:2–5a (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading** Luke 1:39–45 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Leap in Anticipation" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Star-Child" TFWS #2095
(v 1,4,5)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, while you are the Most High God, you still chose to bless us with the gift of your son Jesus, giving *him the name that is above every name*. Why do you give so richly? Please allow this time of giving to remind us of what you gave – and continue to give to us every day. May the giving of these gifts – and the offering of our lives to you – bring us closer to reflecting Your generosity and presence in this world. We pray this all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH #242

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” UMH # 211
(v 4)

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”