

December 4, 2022

**Greeting**

Rev. David Petty

**Prelude**

*Noel*

Meagan Horst ~ Dancing

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Dominick & Nathan Nors & Cynthia Hibbetts

Reader 1: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Our preparations are under-way.

Reader 2: The feelings of the season surround us.

Reader 1: As we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of LOVE,

Reader 2: God's LOVE surrounds us even in our imperfections. God's LOVE arrives perfectly into our lives when everything around us may feel like it's falling apart.

**Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made, we shall rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*Gathering Song**

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

**Vs. 1-4 UMH #211**

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab, *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 Sts. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab © 1940, 1943, renewed 1981 The Church Pension Fund; trans. sts. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

***1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.***

***Refrain***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

***2. O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.***

***Refrain***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

***3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.***

***Refrain***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

***4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.***

***Refrain***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

## Mystery Box

### PRAYER

#### Invitation to Prayer

Rev. David Petty

Anyone wishing to come forward to the Communion Railing to pray or light a prayer candle may do so.

#### Prayer Song

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

UMH #204

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976 (Mt. 1:23)

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*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

#### Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those to trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever.*

#### Prayer Response

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### GIVING BACK

#### Invitation to Offering

CLM Twinkle Gordon

#### Offertory

*Advent Song*

By Russel Nagy

Sanctuary Choir

#### Prayer of Thanks & Dedication

Rev. David Petty

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **MESSAGE**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:30-31, 34

Matthew 3:1-12

CLM Twinkle Gordon

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

**People: and the meditations of all of our hearts**

**All: be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer.**

Psalm 19:14

### **Message**

*The Real Gifts of Christmas - Giving Up on Perfect*

Rev. David Petty

### **Communion Hymn**

***One Bread, One Body***

**vs. 1 UMH #620**

WORDS: John B. Foley, 1978 (1 Cor. 10:16-17; Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12)

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### ***Refrain***

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

*1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.*

**Refrain**

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

**Communion**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*People Look East*

UMH #202

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928

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*1. 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 (People, look east: ) and sing today: (People, look east: ) Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*2. 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 (People, look east: ) and sing today: (People, look east: ) Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

*3. 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 (People, look east: ) and sing today: (People, look east: ) Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.*

*People, look east (People, look east: ) and sing today: (People, look east: ) Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

Rev. David Petty

**Postlude**

Stephanie Shorden