



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22nd, 2019

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle Isaiah 9:6-7

* *Hymn* "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229

* *Call to Worship – Antiphons 1-7* UMH 211

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v 1-7)" UMH 211

Opening Prayer:

God with us, Emmanuel, as we draw near to the manger, focus our attention to your presence among us. As we consider the love, care and faith of Mary and Joseph, strengthen our faith. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, be our peace. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-13

Sermon: Pastor Jesse Ruch
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* *Hymn:* "I want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

Apostles Creed UMH 881

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon

Leader: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, this proves God's love toward us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

Offering & Anthem

* *Doxology* UMH 94

* *Offertory Prayer*

Almighty God, we offer these gifts to you. We give what we can and ask that you bless and multiply our offering, so that our sisters and brothers near and far may know of your abundant love and your tender mercy. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

* *Hymn* "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230

* *Benediction*

* *Congregational Response* "Shalom to You" UMH 666

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit. Bold print indicates congregational response.*

PRAYER CONCERNS: Charlie and Ruth, Bob, Erma, Amanda, Dot, Anette, Fred, Lana, Lloyd, Rich, Nick, Herbie, Ken, Emma, Lucy, Bill, those serving in the armed forces, both here and abroad.

ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays – 6:00pm – Youth Group @ Broadway UMC

~~**Wednesdays** – 10:00am – Advent Bible Study @ Broadway UMC~~

Bible Study will resume in January

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Eve Service Times – Tuesday, 12/24

Broadway UMC – 4:30pm, Port Colden UMC – 9pm

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