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November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

- Youth grades 6th-12th are invited to gather for a time of fun, learning, sharing and connection following worship today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 206.
- Join *Merry Messy Church* Saturday, December 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. as the theme of “Fill Them with Good Things” is explored. Saturday will feature fun, dinner and worship.

CENTERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

PRELUDE

Meditation on “Veni Emmanuel”

Arr: John Scriveyner

Publisher: The Lorenz Corporation

Yeri So, Organist

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

WORD

ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE

Through the Ages, verse 1

Words: Anna Strickland, 2022

Music: Mueller 11.11.11.11, by James R. Murray, 1887

Publisher: Anna Strickland, 2021. Commissioned by A Sanctified Art, LLC

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

Oh, down through the ages and generations
From God in the garden to Jesus the son
Each story was woven, each one has a place
Within the great tapestry telling God’s grace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brian Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There's room for every story. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

God of the ages,
in scripture we hear stories of people like us—
ordinary people,
people who longed to know you,
people who longed to follow you,
people who made mistakes,
people who tried to grow—
old, young,
native, immigrant,
new to the faith, lifelong believer.

In scripture we hear stories of people like us,
so just as you walked with them,
help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us.
We are listening.
We are grateful.
We are yours.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 1:1-17

MESSAGE: "There's Room for Every Story"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

WONDER

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

Spiritual, Arr.: André Thomas, b. 1952

Chancel Choir

Yeri So, Pianist

We'll walk in the light,
Beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

We'll walk in the light,
Beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
"Glory to the newborn King,"
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light,
Beautiful light,

Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light,
Beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

We'll walk in the light,
Beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

INVITATION TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

WHAT NOW?

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*HYMN #196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; Harm: *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

CALL TO RESPOND

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

HYMN #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Music/Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

Chancel Choir and Congregation
Yeri So, Organist

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Veni Redemptor gentium"

Composer: Paul Manz, 1919-2009

Yeri So, Organist

SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: William Haas and Hannah Coppersmith

Altar Guild for November: JoAnn Castagnola and Helen McMunn

Audio Visual: Brian Hahs, Debbie Spriggs and Woody Machalek

Chat Room Hosts for November: Jim Pearson and Linda Pickle

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Sunday School Teachers: Betty Crisp and Arvina Dalaya Gadre

Youth Leader Team: Kristen Wayne, Laura Norvell, David Cope, Andrea Marchesotti

Welcome Team: Katie Cope and Bill Maas

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Nancy Skinner in loving memory of her husband, James P. Skinner.

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader

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Yeri So, Organist

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