

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "Veni, Veni (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)" arr. Chip Davis
"Back to Bethlehem Medley" arr. Marilynn Ham
Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Lighting of the Advent Candle: based on Luke 1:46-55
Choir: "Awaken and Prepare Us, O Lord" arr. Hayes
* God's Greeting: based on Is. 40:3-5, II Cor. 13:14
Prayer of the Day:
Holy God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, coming in weakness, in a tiny baby; you covered your glory and hid your greatness. We praise you for being a God of mystery and surprise. Help us to see, in the quiet and simple splendor of a baby's face, the revelation of your love which brings joy and hope. Amen..
* Hymn: "Joy to the World" PH 337

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Stories that Change Everything: Surprise based on Luke 1:26-45
Ministry in Music: "Mary, Did You Know?"
God's Will for Our Lives: based on John 6:29
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: John 1:11-13
Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Away in a Manger" PH 348
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon: *Advent Reshapes Our Surprises* Luke 1:26-56 (p. 1013)
* Hymn: "What Child Is This"

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer for the General Fund & Children's Haven
* Confession of Faith: from Belgic Confession Art. 18 (PH p. 833)

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction: Psalm 72:18-19
* Doxology: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" PH 356:3
Postlude

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken
Candle Lighters: Elisa Ramirez, Marcelo Ramirez
Liturgist: Katie Vande Werken
Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Organ: Karen Wielsma
Soloist: Morgan Gramlich
Choir Director: Laurie Vander Baan
Prayer of the Day adapted from Worship Sourcebook F.1.4.2