

Dec 6, 2020

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

*Service for the
Worship of God*



Our Mission is to be a community of disciples with a heart for God and hands to help others.

* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord help us breathe in your peace, and let everything else go. Amen.

PRELUDE

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to prepare the way; the way for Christ –

People: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ – to enter our world, and to enter our hearts.

Leader: We cry out together in the wilderness:

People: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Leader: We come to be part of the light–

ALL: the light that shines in the darkness.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – Week Two (Peace)

***HYMN**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from ministrymatters.com)

Merciful God, how many John the Baptists and prophets of your light have we ignored because they were not what we were looking for? How many times have we ignored voices crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord." How many times have we breathed a sigh of relief, and turned our backs on your messengers, because they did not speak the message we expected to hear? Help us hear anew, the cry of those who would lead us to Christ. Tune our ears to your heralds, that we might also testify to your light. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Leader: May the God of peace sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful. It is the Lord who will do this.

People: In the name of Christ we are forgiven, and have peace. Alleluia, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Just the Beginning*

Responding to the Word

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Serve

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Jenny McMyler, Reader

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

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