



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Second Sunday of Advent
 Sunday, December 8th, 2019

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle Mark 1:2-4

* *Hymn* "Awake, O Sleeper" UMH 551

* *Call to Worship – Antiphons 1-5* UMH 211

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH 211

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon: Pastor Jesse Ruch

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* *Hymn:* "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH 221

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* "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218

* *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, Dale and Cathy, Amanda, Dot, Anette, Jeremy, Vicke, 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

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Women’s Luncheon – Wednesday, 12/11 @ 5:30pm, Broadway UMC.

Witness Christmas Concert – Sunday, 12/15 @ 6:30pm, Broadway UMC.

Parish Blue Christmas Service – Wednesday, 12/18 @ 7pm, Broadway UMC.

Parish Christmas Eve Service Times – Tuesday, 12/24.

Broadway UMC – 4:30pm, Oxford UMC – 7pm, Asbury UMC – 8pm

Port Colden UMC – 9pm, Summerfield UMC – 11pm.

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Maintenance & Support - If you wish to volunteer shoveling snow, or have an idea on how you’d like to help out around our building or grounds, please see Larry Adams or the Pastor. We’re also collecting money to purchase gasoline for the equipment, please see the tank in the back of the sanctuary.

Shoprite Gift Cards – An easy way to earn money for the church at no extra cost to you, 5% back on every gift card purchase. See Barbara Bigelow for more info.

The flowers on the Lord’s Table are dedicated to Herman Siedt.

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