



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

4 December 2022 – 10:30 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* J. F. Wade
Jazz on High • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals; Chris Charman, bass; Zack Olsen, drums

WELCOME the Rev. David Pattee, pastor

INTROIT 121 (seated) TAULE

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows, the sowing of our God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE Daniel, Danielle, Luca and Lily Carlin

*HYMN 114 [hymn sheet] *Return, My People* REPTON

*GREETING OF PEACE

WORD MADE PLAIN children are invited to gather in front Joline Wade Gatlin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... **Like the trees towering in the forest!**
May the peace of God warm you all over... **Like the sun shining in the sky!**
May the peace of God rise and roll over you... **Like the waves rolling in the sea!**
May the peace of God fill you... **Like the wind stirring in your soul!**
May the peace of God surround you... [singing] **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...** [repeating]

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 11:1-6* Maryse Postlewaite, liturgist

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of
counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in
the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears
hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of
the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips
he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness
the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the
kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

ANTHEM *Turn, Turn, Turn* Pete Seeger

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

SERMON

Threshing

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE 116 (seated)

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

concluding with *A Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus*

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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Offertory Music

QUEM PASTORES14th C. German Carol

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution and Prayers of Consecration

Distribution

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive.

Take bread, dip into the cup, partake immediately, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 127 (hymn sheet)

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Waiting on the World to Change

John Mayer

Return, My People

Joel 2:12-23; Isa. 11:1-12

James F. D. Martin, 1981; alt.

1 Re - turn, my peo - ple, Is - ra - el, with pen - i - ten - tial tear;
 2 Fear not, be - lov - ed, hear - ken now: our God has done great things!
 3 Then to the faith - ful of the earth the call of God rings clear:

just as the proph-et did fore - tell the ad - vent of Em-man-u - el,
 Your vin - di - ca - tion shall pour down like rain up-on the bar - ren ground,
 "Re - turn, my peo - ple, claim your worth, pre-par - ing for your Sav - ior's birth;

God's reign on earth is near! God's reign on earth is near!
 glad tid - ings to you bring, glad tid - ings to you bring.
 my reign on earth is near. My reign on earth is near."

This new Advent text by United Church of Christ minister James Martin is set to a tune by British composer Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, who is also known for his symphonies, organ works, and cantatas.

Tune: REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6.
 C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
 Alternate tune: REST

Es ist ein' Ros entsprungen

(Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)

Isa. 11:1

German, 15th century; transl. Theodore Baker, 1894; alt.

1 Es ist ein' Ros ent - sprun-gen aus ein - er Wur - zel zart,
 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem has sprung!
 2 I - sa-iah had fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,

wie uns die Al - ten sun - gen: von Jes - se kam die
 Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.
 With Mar-y we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er kind.

und hat ein Blüm-lein bracht mit - ten im kal - ten
 It came a flower-et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a

der . . . hal - ben
 Win - ter wohl zu der hal - ben Nacht.
 win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.

Possibly dating from the fifteenth century, this anonymous hymn was first published in a Catholic hymnal in Germany, where the rose was held in special regard and was employed as a symbol for Mary or for Christ.

Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.
 Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1599
 Harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609