

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Creator of the Stars of Night (with *Greensleeves*) by: David M. Cherwien

The Trinity Chimes represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

We are called to take steps to bring about God's desires on earth.

Open your hearts to Christ's teaching and example.

We long to be empowered as workers for God rather than observers.

Come, let us be led by the Spirit in faith.

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the vision of Christ for our lives and God's world.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

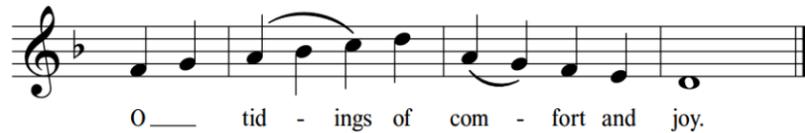
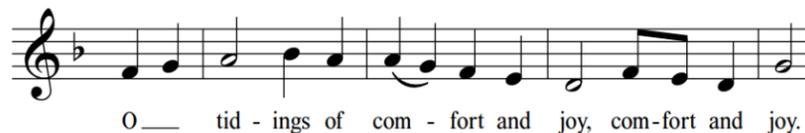
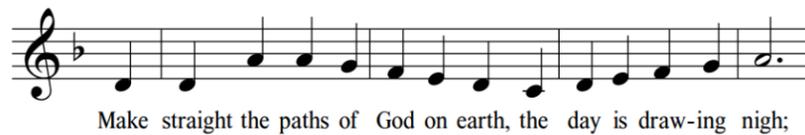
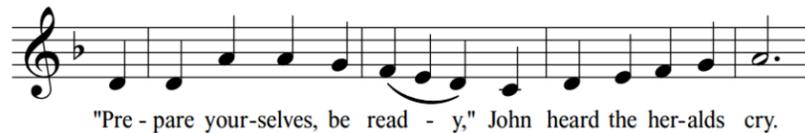
†OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to point us toward the glory of your Son: Give us grace to cast aside all selfishness and seek your vision for the world above all, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tara & Terry Fox (8:45)

Dutch & Shannon Blijlevens, Quentin, Estella, & Aubrielle (11:00)



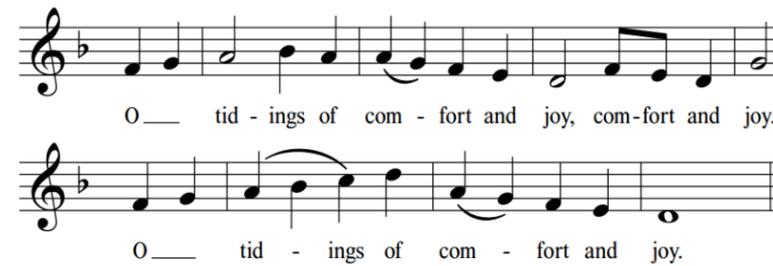
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (*cont.*)

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

We are the followers of that root of Jesse that Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

In those days, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance."

We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement that there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.



CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

Silence for personal reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 3:1-12

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

chanted by select singers

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. (*cont.*)

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! And may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Then a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse; from Jesse's roots, a branch will blossom: The Spirit of YHWH will rest on you—a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and reverence for YHWH. You will delight in obeying YHWH, and you won't judge by appearances, or make decisions by hearsay. You will treat poor people with fairness and will uphold the rights of the land's downtrodden. With a single word you will strike down tyrants; with your decrees you will execute evil people. Justice will be the belt around this your waist—faithfulness will gird you up. Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the lion cub will graze together, and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear; their young will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like the ox. The baby will play next to the den of the cobra, and the toddler will dance over the viper's nest. There will be no harm, no destruction anywhere in my holy mountain; for as water fills the sea, so the land will be filled with knowledge of YHWH. On that Day, the Root of Jesse will serve as a symbol to the peoples of the world—nations will flock to you, and your home will be a place of honor.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Don't Settle; Aim Higher

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. by: Mark Schweizer

Prepare the way, O Zion, The King is drawing near! Amid the hills and valleys a straighter way is clear. Behold the King of Glory, foretold in ancient story, Blest is the Christ who came, In God's most holy name. The wilderness will blossom, the desert shall rejoice; The blind eyes shall be opened, the speechless given voice; Before him on the mountains, His mercy flows in fountains, Blest is the Christ, who came, In God's most holy name. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. He comes to break oppression, to take away transgression, Blest is the Christ who came, In God's most holy name.

†DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.
 Praise God, all crea - tures here _____ be - low.
 Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Pg. 15

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

by: Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n _____ and earth _____ are full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blest is he who comes in the name _____ of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI & BREAKING THE BREAD

Lamb _____ of _____ God, you take a - way the
 1, 2. sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
 3. sins of the world. Grant _____ us your peace.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP NO. 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

†BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland*

by: Denis Bédard

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Preacher:** Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*
Liturgists: Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*
 Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*
Lectors: Michelle Lee & Tom Spelzhausen (8:45)
 Steve Reddick & Anne Mankin (11:00)
Music: Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*
 Wesley Singers (8:45), Parish Adult Choir (11:00)

Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God by Jim & Mary Normand in memory of Vivian & Eugene Joyce and by Neal & Pat Smith in memory of Otis & Fannie Belle Morgan and "Ramay" & Hattie Smith.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4th, 2022