

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10 A.M.

December 6, 2020

Welcome! Isaiah offers comfort as he looked ahead to the day of the Messiah's reign. That comfort involved the preparation of one's heart for coming one. Let us pray for the renewal of that comfort today.

We Are Gathered by God

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

arr. Larry Shackley, Dan Chien, Organist

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 40:3, NRSV) Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's
dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our commu-
nity, and in all of creation.

People: Let us worship God.

- * Hymn "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * Greeting Time

Our Prayer of Confession

O Lord, help us to remember that even as the prophets spoke in ages past, they still speak to us today. We too easily put what they said only in the context of history, and forget the power of their messages to us. We are guilty of separating ourselves from the message that stands for all time.

Teach us anew what it means to live as your people. Inspire us with the timeless vision of your world at peace. (silent prayer). In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law

Lighting the Advent Candles..... Meckes/Brundage Family

Special Music: "Like a Rose" Ruth Elaine Schram

We Hear God in Word

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8 . . . Andrea Cammer, Reader

Sermon: "Are You Ready?"

We Respond to God

- * The Apostles' Creed
- Offertory: "He Shall Feed His Flock" George Frideric Handel
- * Prayer of Dedication & Doxology
- Prayers of Intercession
- * Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- * Benediction
- Postlude: "And the Glory of the Lord"
- George Frideric Handel, arr. by Cindy Berry