

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

10 A.M. December 13, 2020

*Welcome! Advent is our season of waiting; and today we focus on the joy that the long-awaited Messiah brings to his people.*

### We Are Gathered by God

Prelude: "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" . . . . . arr. Lani Smith  
Dan Chien, Organist

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126) . . . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

**People: And we are filled with joy!**

L: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

**P: our tears into songs of joy!**

L: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

**P: and remain with us forever.**

\* Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

\* Prayer of Invocation

\* Greeting Time

Our Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not always know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of**

**the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. .... (silent prayer), Amen.**

Response: "*Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft undefiled Within my heart, that it may be, a quiet chamber kept for Thee.*"

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy . . . . . Kaleb Jones & Family

Anthem: "A Voice Cries Out" . . . . . Mark Hayes

### We Hear God in Word

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-11, Luke 1:46-55 . . . Steve Walker, Reader

Sermon: "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

### We Respond to God

\* The Apostles' Creed

Offertory: "In the Bleak Midwinter" . . . . . arr. by Larry Shackley

\* Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

\* Hymn "What Child is This?"

\* Benediction

Postlude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" . . . arr. by Jerry Carraway