

Sunday, November 28, 2021 Service

Welcome

*Call to Worship

As we step into this Advent, we pause, we prepare, we will listen to timeless stories rooted and connected not somewhere far away but right here and right now that will shape our Christmas season

**In this Advent journey, we seek to enter the stories,
God's living breathing Word and become a part of it.**

The family tree of Jesus includes men and women voiceless and powerful victims and perpetrators, All who were imperfect people – just like us.

**Through imperfect people, God works to fulfill the promise to be our God
to redeem our world and claim us as God's people**

Ultimately gifting this world and God's people with a Messiah, a Redeemer, a newborn in a manger. Help us, Lord, to be open to listening, looking, talking, and experiencing you this Advent Season.

Let Us Worship Immanuel together.

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven

*God's Greeting

*We greet each other

Sing we the Song of Emmanuel

Candle Lighting:

Tamar, a woman, was with child and bore twin sons. We give thanks that Tamar confronted boldly the injustices which threatened to keep her barren.

Tamar's righteousness caused her to become a foremother of Jesus.

**In these days, we need justice to roll down on us like water,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.**

Hear then, O house of David! The Lord will give you a sign.

A young woman shall bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel,
which means "God is with us."

(Light the Candle of Hope)

Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel (LUYH 61)

Time of Confession

God of Grace, the world you created is good.

Forgive us the inequity that divides.

God of Grace, the humanity you created is good.

We confess our complicity in evil ways.

God of grace, where the world may see a useless, discarded person,
you see a whole and precious human.

**Forgive us when we do not treat people as your creation,
made in your image.**

God of grace, bless each of us now with living courage, relentless determination,
and profound solidarity.

**Help us confront injustice and work to bring your abundant life
together for everyone.**

*Words of Assurance

Friends in Christ, hear this Good News! God could not love you any more than He loves you at this very moment. You are that beloved. So know that wrapped in that love is grace and forgiveness, and a call to go out into the world to love. We eagerly wait for Jesus to come and show us His love.

**On this first Sunday of Advent,
we wait in anticipation for the coming child, Jesus.**

Prayers of the People

*Come Light our Hearts

*Children's Blessing

Scripture Reading: Genesis 38:1-26

Sermon: Lineage of Grace - Tamar

*Hope for Everyone

*My Soul Cries Out (LUYH 69)

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Sacrament of Communion

*God's Parting Blessing

*Joy to the World (LUYH 92)

Offerings: 1. Woody Nook Ministries
 2. World Renew