

Order of Worship

Sunday, December 5, 2021

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

victim and perpetrator

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.

Song- **O Come, all Ye Faithful**

God's Greeting

We Greet Each Other

Song- **All Things New**

Advent Candle Lighting (Gail Desjarlais)

Rahab, a woman, was with child and bore a son.

We give thanks that Rahab, heroine of Jericho, kept Israel safe.

Rahab's faith and knowledge made this foreign woman

an important person in Israel's history.

**In these days, we long for a new day —
a day when the Earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.**

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 Peace)

Song- **Emmanuel**

Confession

We are captive, exiled, O God,
because we have, each in our own way,
chosen our own path, away from you.
We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge,
because we have, too often,
substituted our judgment for yours.
We are lost, in need of guidance.

**Come, Lord Jesus;
forgive us and restore us.
guide us and deliver us.
teach us and renew us.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

(Reformed Worship Advent 2012)

Song- **My Soul in Stillness Waits**

Assurance

Friends in Christ, hear this Good News!
God could not love you any more than
God loves you at this very moment.
You are that loved.
So know that wrapped in that
love is grace and forgiveness,
and a call to go out into the world to love.
Alleluia! Amen.

(written by Beth Merrill Neel)

Song- **Go Tell it on The Mountain**

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

(Children Ages 3-Grade 3 are dismissed)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture - Joshua 2:1-24

Sermon - Lineage of Grace - Rahab

Song- **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Parting Blessing

Song- **Angels from the Realms of Glory (1,3,5)**

Offerings at the door:

1. Woody Nook Ministries
2. [Youth Unlimited](#)