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WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Centering Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle - FWS 2090

***SONG OF PRAISE (UMH) 211 O Come O Come Emanuel**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Kids can sit in the front row with Pastor Sandi when they are finished greeting others)

Anthem Bethlehem Wind

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say:

C: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

Marissa: *With what shall we come to God's house?*

L: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

C: **Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth. Amen.**

***MORNING PRAYER**

Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (UMH) 2263 Broken For Me

PRAY TIME/PRAYER HYMN (UMH) 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Holy Communion

***OFFERTORY/ DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

Holy One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Through these gifts and in our lives, help us be the healers and lovers that you are calling us to be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p. 166)

Breath of Heaven Aimee Perry

Hanging of the Greens

Hang of the Wreaths and Garland in the sanctuary and on the doors

L: People of God, we stand at the entrance of the church and at the doorway to the Christian year on this first Sunday of Advent.

Let us mark the entrance to the church building and our hearts and minds as portals for Christ to enter.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!

Decorating of the Christmas Tree

L: God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion. With the Christmas tree we remember God's everlasting promises to the poor and needy. Isaiah spoke of God's making of the wilderness a place of blessing where water and plants, even pine trees, would manifest God's loving action to save and provide.

C: Place the tree, strong friends, as we hear God's word.

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 41:

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it. — Isaiah 41:17-20

CLOSING HYMN (FWS) 2130 The Summons

*GOOD NEWS

Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. And here we rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" as we await his coming as the bright and morning star. Amen.

FWS –Faith We Sing UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Join us for turkey, potatoes and all the trimmings

SERVING THIS WEEK (12/3/17)

Greeters: Waneta Neilson and Dick Johnson
Ushers: Fuzzy and Sonya Anderson
Scripture Reader: Helen Schillinger
Fellowship: Brunch – Chris and Stacy Wyant
Sunday School: No Sunday School
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland
Nursery: Trish deMontfort & Michele Covert
Door Greeter: Joel Warren
Prayer Minister: Gene James

SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/10/17)

Greeters: Deb Smith and Jane Salyer
Ushers: Clarice Hardy and Waneta Nielsen
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands
Sunday School: Kerry Fitch
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland
Nursery: Linda Folts and Sonya Anderson
Door Greeter: Jim Enlsow
Prayer Minister: Marilyn James

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