

### Invitation to Offering:

Zechariah gave one of the greatest gifts he could give to his son. He gave him a foundation of love - words of purpose, pride, love, and belonging. Remembering that joyful day, we try to make a similar impact by giving what we can. And we pray that the gifts we give now - our time, our money, our talents - will make a more purposeful world of love and belonging. *So, let us give now. Let this be the foundation - the very start - of a better world.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:

**Holy God, you are our home. You and your goodness are the place we return to, the place we long to lay our head. So today as we offer you these gifts, we pray that you would take this offering to transform the world we live in to a better reflection of the home you have envisioned for us. Amen.**

*\* Liturgy created by A Sanctified Art, a collective of artists in ministry who create resources for worshipping communities.*

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### We thank those who participated in today's service:

**Acolytes:** Jack Rust, Andrew & Tyler Truax

**Advent Wreath:** Ken Guerin's creation

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of David Coffin, Jr., from his mom, Barbara.

**Altar Guild:** Chad and Phyllis Thompson

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Coordinators for Online Worship:** Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

**Liturgist:** Melissa Butcher

**Ushers:** Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth, and Lisa Foster

**Video Team:** Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Eric Wing

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### Christ, Be Our Light – B. Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people

Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

### Prepare Ye – M. A. Robinson

Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?

Can you hear the crying?

Saying "Prepare ye, Prepare ye,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord"



**Celebrate** God's love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

**Serve** our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

\* Stand if you are able ✨ See words to the right ✨ See words on the back

**Prelude:** “Wondrous Light” J. Leavitt

## Welcome and Announcements

*(Visitors/members please sign & date the red folder & pass it on. Please remember late comers.)*

**Introit:** “Christ, Be Our Light” B. Farrell

## \*Call to Worship ✨

\***Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH #196

## Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness ✨

**Lighting of the Second Candle (Peace): ✨** The Rust Family

## Children’s Moment

**Dance Movement Choir** “Be Alright” E. Craft, D. Gokey and Redimi2

**Mission/CNYB Moment:** Diane Mackie

\***Hymn:** “All Earth Is Waiting” (vs. 1,2,4) UMH #210

## Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns, The Lord’s Prayer ✨

*(No Chapel Kids on Communion Sunday.)*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV) N.T. p. 54

**The Message:** “Laying the Foundation”

## Invitation to Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: ✨

**Offertory:** “Prepare Ye” M. A. Robinson

**The Lord’s Supper/Holy Communion** UMH pp. 13-15

\***Hymn:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” UMH #213

## \*Benediction

**Postlude:** “As with Gladness Men of Old” W. L. Pelz

# WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

➤ **Bold Items Are the Congregation’s Part.**

## Call to Worship:

L: If life was a home, then we would pray -

**P: May love be the foundation. May God be the cornerstone. May the Spirit be the windows - ushering light in. And may hope be the walls - holding us together.**

L: In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

**P: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.**

L: Let us give thanks for a foundation of peace and love.

**P: Let us worship Holy God.**

## Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, when John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully, we pray. Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness:

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: “You are loved; you are forgiven.” That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our hope. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news.

## Candle Lighting Liturgy – Candle of Peace

A: As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives, we gather together around the candle of peace.

B: The home we long for is a home that knows peace -

A: Peace that rests between us and our grief. Peace around our anxiety.

B: Peace between us and our self-criticism. Peace amidst our relationships.

A: Peace at the core of our being. Peace hovering through and in our world.

B: The home we long for is a home that knows peace. So today we light the candle of peace - as a reminder and as a prayer. Let it be so. Amen.

## The Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**