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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fusion Church**

*“I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.” Anne Lamott*

**PRELUDE** “Good Christian Folk, Rejoice” *arr. Lani Smith*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Leader: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the light coming into the world.

**People: “The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.”**

Leader: Every Advent, we rehearse the biblical testimony, not only as a past event but as something also present and real to us today. Christ is always coming;

**People: always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart.**

**RESPONSE** (Those on Zoom may sing, those in the sanctuary, please hum)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.*

Leader: During this Advent season, may we open our lives to the healing light of Christ.

**People: May we prepare to have our heart’s transformed by God’s love,**

Leader: That we may experience the wonder of grace

**People: and walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader: We light the first Advent candle for hope and the second for love.

*(Please light your candles at home as we light two candles in the Sanctuary.)*

**HYMN #213**

“Lift Up Your Gates”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

**Opening Scripture** John 1:14, 16

**Dexter Time** (*Laurie and her dog, Dexter discuss the*

*opening scripture*)

**Children's Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (*using debts-debtors*)

## SPECIAL MUSIC "What Child is This?"

*arr. Bernard Dewagtere*

Laurel Buckwalter, harpsichord; John Buckwalter, viola; Laurie DeMott, mandolin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *When Rev. DeMott says, "Lord, in your mercy," please say and/or sign "Hear our prayer."*

**HYMN #216** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,

when half spent was the night.

**RESPONSIVE READING** Luke 1:46-55 *from the Inclusive Bible*

Leader: Mary said, "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,

**People: and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior.**

Leader: For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant,

**People: and from this day forward all generations will call me blessed.**

Leader: For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.

**People: Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you.**

Leader: You have shown strength with your arm; you have scattered the proud in their conceit; you have deposed the mighty from their thrones

**People: and raised the lowly to high places.**

Leader: You have filled the hungry with good things,

**People: while you have sent the rich away empty.**

Leader: You have come to the aid of Israel your servant,

**People: mindful of your mercy—**

Leader: the promise you made to our ancestors—

**People: to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever."**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:8-14

**REFLECTION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *arr Smith and Hustad*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**HYMN #224**            "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"  
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

**People: To God alone all glory be**

**All: Amen, amen, amen.**

## POSTLUDE

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### Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Eliza Ordway  
Flowers.....Advent Wreath  
Special Music.....Laurel & John Buckwalter, Laurie DeMott  
Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor  
Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**  
**Third Sunday in Advent – Christmas Party**

### Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey  
Flowers.....Advent Wreath

### DECEMBER LEADERS

Deacon.....MaryAnn Whittemore  
Elder.....Eliza Ordway  
Fellowship.....Catherine Chambers  
Trustee.....Jerry Jusianiec  
BOCE.....TBD

**Christmas Cards for Loved Ones:** If you are unable to visit with loved ones or if you have loved ones who will be alone during the holidays, the Diaconate would like to send them a card. Please give names and addresses to Deacon of the Month, MaryAnn Whittemore: [whitteduc@twc.com](mailto:whitteduc@twc.com)

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, the Napolitano family on the death of Dan's father, the Finlay family on the death of Terry, Joan Schulze family on the death of her sister's son, Mary Smith and Jen Smith and family on the death of Bill Smith (condolences may be sent to Mary Smith 6947 Twin Valley Terrace, Almond NY 14804-9712; Jen Smith's address is 1380 Oak Ridge Ln, Alfred Station NY 14803-9511.)

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Christmas Boxes**

**Cookies for Food Pantry** - Bring cookies in tins to the Church Center on Wed or Thurs, Dec. 9 or 10, or bring them to the Buckwalter home on Dec. 12.

**Coats for Cameron Ministries** – Coats, mittens, scarves, hats, boots, etc. for Cameron Ministries are due on Dec. 11. There are two blue bins outside the Church Center doors for winter clothing collection.

**Vote for Hart House** – Don't forget to vote for Hart House in hopes of helping them win \$10,000! Here is the voting link <https://energize-us-society.siemens-energy-projects.com/video-gallery> It is also listed on our church web page. You can vote every day until Dec. 11.