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Bulletin

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December 11, 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION
"At the edges of our borders you wait… and when we learn to read the landscape of our fears, and when we come to know the terrain of every sorrow, then will we turn our fences into bridges and our borders into paths of peace." -Jan L. Richardson

GATHERING

PRELUDE *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* *(Arr. Bish)* -Carol Graham

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT *"Until Jesus Comes"* -Chancel Choir

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG** -UMH 211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Vs. 3)

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** -Bill and Ruth Rockwell

The season of Advent is dragging on. Our feet are getting tired. Our spirits are starting to drag. Where is God?
We are people of Joy. We celebrate God's creation even in this waiting.
We light the third candle of the season. This is time set aside for us to get home to God and prepare for the baby that will soon be delivered.
This waiting is always hard! We sing the songs and try to stay focused, but when will the baby come again to our world?!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Once in Royal David's City"* -UMH 250

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11* *in the Old Testament* -Lenore Averell

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us.
For the Word of God within us,
People: Praise be to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

COMMUNITY PRAYER

God of the wilderness, God of the wastelands of our lives, lead us apart to those places where we hear your word most clearly. In the startling awareness of Christ's coming, may we order our lives with repentance and with compassion. Sift from our lives all useless chaff, that like good wheat into a barn, we may be gathered into the realm of your righteousness, through the grace of Jesus. Amen.

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HYMN OF PREPARATION *"What Child is This"* -UMH 219

SILENT PRAYER
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER -UMH 895

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.

ANTHEM *"Bethlehem"* *(Thornton, Arr. Hallock)* -Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 1:46-56* *in the New Testament* -Lenore Averell

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People: Praise be to God.

THE MESSAGE *"Traveling Home"* -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *"From Heaven on High to Earth I Come"* *(Pachelbel)* -Carol Graham
***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, thank you for the surprising ways that you bring salvation. You faithfully keep your covenant promises to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants. With Mary, we express deep gratitude for your help at unexpected turns in our lives. Give each of us a humble heart to serve you willingly and joyfully. Use these offerings to assist people who struggle with doubt or physical needs through the ministries of our church. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

GOING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* -UMH 224

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"In Dulci Jubilo"* *(J.S. Bach)* -Carol Graham

**Please stand if you are able.*

All are welcome to stay for the Children's Christmas Play which starts at 12 noon.

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Please complete the registration card found in the pew pocket and place in the offering.
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.

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Flowers are given by Al and Ranae Mathias in honor of their 32nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 22 and Al's birthday on Dec. 10