

*** We invite you to stand as you are able**

INTROIT* “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271

STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite members, friends, visitors to record visit by signing the attendance pad.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE (church bell tolls)

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Get ready, people! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

All: We are called to action rather than reaction.

One: Open your hearts to God’s word and God’s will.

All: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

One: Come, draw near to God in faith.

**All: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gift of God.
Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Red Hymnal #206

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 (CEV)

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king. The Spirit of the Lord will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the Lord. His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord. This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors. The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice. His word will be law everywhere in the land, and criminals will be put to death. Honesty and fairness will be his royal robes. Leopards will lie down with young goats, and wolves will rest with lambs. Calves and lions will eat together and be cared for by little children. Cows and bears will

share the same pasture; their young will rest side by side. Lions and oxen will both eat straw. Little children will play near snake holes. They will stick their hands into dens of poisonous snakes and never be hurt. Nothing harmful will take place on the Lord's holy mountain. Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honor the Lord.

HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Red Hymnal 216

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44 (CEV)

Years later, John the Baptist started preaching in the desert of Judea. He said, “Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here.” John was the one the prophet Isaiah was talking about, when he said, “In the desert someone is shouting, ‘Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him.’” John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He had a leather strap around his waist and ate grasshoppers and wild honey. From Jerusalem and all Judea and from the Jordan River Valley crowds of people went to John. They told how sorry they were for their sins, and he baptized them in the river. Many Pharisees and Sadducees also came to be baptized. But John said to them: You bunch of snakes! Who warned you to run from the coming judgment? Do something to show you have really given up your sins. And don't start telling yourselves that you belong to Abraham's family. I tell you that God can turn these stones into children for Abraham. An ax is ready to cut the trees down at their roots. Any tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into a fire. I baptize you with water so you will give up your sins. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and he is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in a barn and burn the husks in a fire that never goes out.

MESSAGE

“Peace at Last”

Pastor Anne Kadue

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Blessings”

Words & Music Laura Story

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Black Hymnal pg. 15-16

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER*

All: God, architect of this world and all others: we know you had a vision for all your creation to dwell together. You long for us to live in respect and with one another. We give this morning, understanding that we have denied you that desire. We ask you to help us use who we are and what we have to heal this abused and broken world. In Christ, our Savior. Amen.

OFFERING & CLOSING HYMN* "In the Bleak Midwinter" Red Hymnal #221

CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

SENDING

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

Large Print bulletins are available from the ushers.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
Donald Birttnen	Worship Tech Assistant
Donna Zilge	Office Assistant
James Prince	Custodian
Judy Lieffring	Pianist & Organist
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You are loved. ❤️

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**Welcome to
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