

SIGNS AND TIMES



A Reconciling Congregation

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We Offer Ourselves in Worship
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Lay Worship Leader- David Beeman

Words Of Welcome

Announcements

Centering Time (Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Praise Team

Lighting of the Candle

First Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

Second Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

"Light of the World (Here I am to Worship)"

Praise Team

Sharing of The Peace: We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you"

"Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Scripture Reading- Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks**

be to God.

(Children are dismissed to "Godly Play")- Sara Vargas (storyteller) & Nicole Beland (helper)

Message: Pastor Pablo R. Vargas: “Are We There Yet? Hoping and Waiting”

Sermon Notes (Just Some Thoughts):

Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming **UMH-216**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness) *We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.* ***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.

Closing Hymn **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** **UMH-664**

Benediction

Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour