

Order of Worship – December 8

PRELUDE: Fred Crase

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Kestle & Pastor Seth

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT: Acolytes

OPENING PRAYER *(standing) (all read together)*

Blessed is the Lord, and blessed are God's people to whom God sends a savior, the messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Blessed is our God, and blessed are God's gifts, that grace us with forgiveness and every good gift. Lord, you have come to dwell within us. Build your temple within our hearts. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #2090 (v. 1-2) The Faith We Sing

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Gerry Allen, Beth Powers, Bradly and Kariann Thaut

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *(standing) (Turn in orange cards and Pew Pads)*

ANTHEM: Chancel Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER: Chuck Kestle

LORD'S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN: #2284 The Faith We Sing "Joy in the Morning" (v. 2)

MESSAGE: THIS DAY CHOOSE JOY "Joy for the Lowly"
Luke 1.39-53; 2.2; 1 Corinthians 1.27-28; James 4.10
Sara Belke

GIVING BACK TO GOD: Seth L. Leypoldt

DOXOLOGY: *(standing)* #94 UM Hymnal "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

HOLY COMMUNION: Hymn #23

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: *(standing)* #617 UM Hymnal "I Come With Joy"

BENEDICTION *(standing) (all read together)*

May our love overflow, rich and wholesome in the world. May we be found pure and blameless, having prepared a way and a place for the Lord in our hearts. May I reap the bountiful harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Fred Crase