

Order of Worship – December 15, 2024

PRELUDE: Fred Crase

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Kestle & Pastor Seth

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT: Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(standing)*

Voice of One: The day foretold is coming,

Voice of Many: When our bitter mouths will drink new wine, God's cup raised high at the kingdom's table!

One: The one foretold is coming—

Many: Whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom: a last supper shared on a silent night!

One: The day is at hand!

Many: World, feast!

One: The savior draws near!

Many: Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN: #2090 (v. 1-3) The Faith We Sing LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John Rich, Janet Fletcher-Rich, Isaac and Molly Hoffman

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT

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

ANTHEM: Chancel Choir “Do You Hear What I Hear” by Harry Simeone

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER: Seth L. Leypoldt

LORD'S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN: #2284 The Faith We Sing “Joy in the Morning” (v. 3)

MESSAGE: THIS DAY CHOOSE JOY Matthew 1:18-24 and Hebrews 11.1
“The Joy We Can't Yet See” Jill Graff

GIVING BACK TO GOD: Chuck Kestle

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

HOLY COMMUNION: Hymn #23

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: *(standing)* #246 UM Hymnal “Joy to the World”

BENEDICTION *(standing) (all read together)*

The day is at hand; the Savior draws near! Let us feast, and let our taste be keen, lest the cup be filled and left unpoured, lest the bread be baked and left unbroken.

POSTLUDE: Fred Crase