



GOD WITH US

Our Potter



November 28

Order of Service

AS WE GATHER *Welcome to our Advent worship series, God With Us. Each week in this series focuses on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah. In our worship this evening, we will remember that God is with us as our Potter, who shapes us according to His will.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath



Confession and Absolution

- C:** Loving Father, who sent Jesus as Savior of the world, we confess that our busy doing and decorating have shrouded our Advent and caused us to close our eyes to the Christ Child. Forgive us for shaping the celebration to fit our desires. Seize us by your Spirit. Focus our eyes and hearts on the coming Christ. Inspire us with your gift, so that we shout from the housetops the Good News that in the coming Savior God is indeed with us. Make us into your joy-filled messengers, sharing your powerful message of salvation for all.
- P:** Jesus has promised that the sins we forgive on earth will also be forgiven in heaven. Trusting that precious promise, as a called and ordained minister of the Gospel, I confidently declare to you that, in Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven and you are privileged to share that same forgiveness with all the others in your life. We are filled with Jesus' light of life so that we can shine among the people of this world like stars in the sky.

Call to Worship

- P: A voice cries out, "In the wilderness clear a way for the Lord;
C: **make a way in the desert, a road for our God.**
P: Every valley must be lifted up, and every mountain and hill leveled.
C: **The rough places will become a level plain, the rugged land a wide valley.**
P: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it at the same time.
C: **For the Lord has decreed it."**
P: "Go up on a high mountain, O herald Zion!
C: **Shout out loudly, O herald Jerusalem! Shout, don't be afraid!**
P: Say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'"
C: **"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.**
P: And they shall call his name Immanuel (which means God with us)."
C: **"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."**

Hymn of Praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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Prayer of the Day

The First Reading..... *Isaiah 64:1-9*

- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading..... *2 Timothy 2:20-21*

- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading..... *John 6:35-40*

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is thine,
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always living in me.

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Departing Hymn

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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