



**December 9, 2018**

# Order of Worship

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

(9:30 & 11:00) “Greensleeves”  
Shanda Lowery-Sachs, viola

Vaughan-Williams

**\*THE CAROL NO. 202** “People, Look East”

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Miller

Leader: Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise,  
and generation to generation, we are your people.

**People: You have been with us wherever we have gone.  
You will be with us wherever we may go.**

Leader: You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey,  
then you planted our salvation in Mary’s womb.

**People: Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly in each one of us.**

Leader: Our souls magnify the Holy One.

**People: Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:30) Cash, Cole and Sophie Ericson  
(11:00) Brett and Ally Albery

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 215

To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came.  
“Fear not,” the angel told her, “I come to bring good news,  
good news I come to tell you, good news I say, good news.”

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## THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.*

## THE PARTNERS IN MISSION MOMENT

Karen Plants and Carrie Morse

**THE ANTHEM** (9:30 & 11:00) “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
Chancel Choir

arr. Richard Nance

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## THE CALL TO PRAYER

## **THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

**God, we often live as if you are not with us, not even near us, but distant and far away. We forget that you dwell in each of us, among us, and surround us. We forget that you came into our world and our lives as one of us, and you know the great joys and the struggles we face, the challenges and the desires, the fears and the hopes. May we remember anew that you have come to us, vulnerable as any of us to the world, to set us free from sin and death, to lead us into new life, eternal life. In the name of Christ, who has come, who is among us, and who will come again, we pray all things. Amen.**

## **THE SILENT PRAYER**

## **THE WORDS OF GRACE**

## **THE 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. Amen.**

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## **THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

“The Work of Christmas”  
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations;  
to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

### **\*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

