

* WORDS OF DEDICATION

Grant, O Lord, as we leave this place that we take what we have heard and share it with others. So they may know that they are loved no matter what the world may say about them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE "Away in a Manger" vs. 3 217

* POSTLUDE

* *Please Stand*

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In a Friendly Sort O' Way

When a man ain't got a cent, and he's feeling kind o' blue,
An' the clouds hang dark an' heavy, an' won't let the sunshine through,
It's a great thing, O, My brethren, for a feller just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

I make a man feel curious, it make the teardrops start,
An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of the heart;
You can look up and meet his eyes; you don't know what to say
When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound, with it honey and its gall,
With its cares and bitter crosses, but a good world. after all.
An' a good God must have made it--leastways, that is what I say,
When a hand is on my shoulder in a friendly sort of way.

- James Whitcomb Riley

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Serving Christ & Community for over 100 Years"
"Small enough to care, large enough for Vital Ministry"

GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 6 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Reverend, Dr. S. Willard Crossan, III

Reverend Todd Shultz

Second Sunday of Advent

CELEBRATION OF LOVE

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE AND CHRISTMAS TREE

GATHERING AND REFLECTION

ORGAN PRELUDE

PARISH CALENDAR AND GREETING

Dr. Crossan

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The advent of Christ brings the love of God's presence into our midst.

People: We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!

Leader Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

People: Love came down when God came down to us. God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness!

All: As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with God's love.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Came Down At Christmas" vs. 1,34 221

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

Gerri Padgett

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Love. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O, come Emmanuel.

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Light the Advent Candle" vs. 2 *Insert*

CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us. In this season of anticipation, the voices of advertisers and culture compete for our attention, drowning out your voice. We busy ourselves with tasks we *think* we're supposed to do and neglect those things we ought to do. Those things you call us to do, we do grudgingly and without joy. We lack the generous spirit of Mary, who heard your call and assented without question. Instead of feeling put upon, she lifted her voice in a song of honor and wonder. Renew our spirits. Fill our hearts with joy and song so others see in us the grace and mercy you have given us through your Son. Instill in us a spirit of gratitude. Open our eyes and ears, and prepare our hearts to receive the most precious gift of all. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Leader: Lord we give you thanks for the Word let us open ourselves to the lesson you want us to hear.

People: And inspire us to go out this day and apply it to the way that we live our lives for you.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:1-13

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Epistle Lesson

Romans 7:15-25

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*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Reverend Shultz

* Affirmation of Faith

Insert

* Gloria Patri

OFFERINGS AND REFLECTIONS

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and the Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

-Voicing of our Petitions-

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

CELEBRATION OF THE SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON

BLESSING THE CHRISMON AND CHRISTMAS TREE

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Dr. Crossan

John 1:1-5,9-14

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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SERMON

"The Savior and Our Need for Saving"

Reverend Shultz

HOLY COMMUNION

"The Great Thanksgiving"

Insert

Giving of the Bread and Cup *(Hymns played softly)*

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 1,2,4 110