

GATHERING

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Look to the east.

Light is dawning this day.

Look to the west.

Prepare for the journey.

Look to the north.

God is guiding our steps.

Look to the south.

God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.

Look to the heavens.

Christ is coming soon.***Hymn** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" #209†***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Loving God, grant us your peace. Guide us in your ways of justice and mercy. Help us to find ways to be at peace with our imperfect selves, while always striving to love better. Help us to find ways to be at peace in the world, while always striving for justice. Help us to find ways to make peace with those who have wronged us, while always defending the oppressed and marginalized. Help us to know your peace that surpasses all understanding. In the name of the Prince of Peace we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.**Welcome and Announcements***Please register your presence on the Welcome Card.***Lighting of the Advent Candle—Peace**

"Light the Advent Candle"

#2090** vs. 2

PROCLAMATION

Word for Children*Children are invited to remain in worship.*

Rev. Karin Ellis

Prayer Song

"Open Our Eyes"

#2086**

Prayer*If you have a prayer concern, please pass it to the ushers before Worship begins.*

Intercessor: Elaine Burn

Lord's Prayer**Scripture**

Luke 1:68-79

Message

"Silence"

Rev. Karin Ellis

RESPONSE

Offerings to God**Offertory** "Whence Comes This Rush of Wings Afar" arr. Ehret
Sanctuary Choir**Doxology**

#95†

Prayer**Hymn** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218†***Blessing****Postlude****Indicates those who are able to please stand*†*The United Methodist Hymnal****The Faith We Sing**This morning's ushers are Arsenio & Pam Nunez and Christa Clark**Next Sunday's ushers are Alex & Marie Henry and Pat Hutchins*

*This Sunday is Family Worship Sunday. Children will join the service.
Next week's Children's School Teachers are Karyn Kemmerer and Priya Harder*