

# SENDING FORTH

\*SENDING HYMN "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH #242

## \*BENEDICTION

My Christmas prayer for all of you... is to have the obedience and compassion of Joseph, the call to worship of the Angels, and the courage of Mary. May we all be Christ Centered this Christmas... and every day. Go in Peace. Amen

## \*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand in body or spirit

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# 4th Sunday in Advent- Love

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance on the pew cards.  
Stand and greet one another in Christian Love.

### PRELUDE

Centering Words- (Luke 1) Let those who ponder the last-minute gift, those perplexed by holiday details, those overshadowed in any way—let them pause this hour, to see visions and hear good news from far beyond our time and place.

### ADVENT READING

"Light the Advent Candle" Stanza 4

Dix Family  
TFWS #2090

OPENING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH #213

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (2 Samuel 7, Luke 1, Romans 16)

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

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

Leader: God gives rest from all that afflicts us.

**People: God goes with us wherever we go.**

Leader: This is the God of mysteries, of prophecies and promises.

**People: This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.**

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

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

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Ever-present God, we thank you for gathering us together this day. We ask that you send your Spirit to live within us, that we may birth the Christ-child anew this Christmas season. With hope, peace, joy, and love we pray. Amen.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

UMH #881

CHILDREN'S TIME

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE

Prayer for Illumination:

**Let the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Lessons: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

SERMON

"Mary's Commitment"

Rev. Krystal Goodger

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH #249

### OFFERING

\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**Dear God, you blessed Mary by making her the mother of your only Son, Jesus Christ. You have blessed us, as well, with the gift of your Son, and indeed, with the gift of life itself. Out of all these blessings, we give you back these offerings this day. Use them to magnify your presence. Amen.**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

UMH #895