

Trumansburg United Methodist Church
December 16th, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

✚ Color: Purple



Come in.

*Come into this place which we make special by our presence.
Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified, the human
is celebrated, the compassionate is expected.*

*Come into this place.
Together we make it a holy place.*

Musical Call to Worship

Ritual of Friendship and Welcome

News of the Congregation

*We will observe a moment of silence as we turn our hearts
towards God.*

Prelude

Greeting:

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Call to Worship:

L: Can you feel something powerful at work in the world?

P: We can catch glimpses here and there.

L: We need to look beyond the hustle and bustle of Christmas to see what's coming:

P: Faithful women giving birth to freedom; a babe who will transform the world. The birth quakes are almost here. We can feel it.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves in this time of worship, that we may be ready when our world is turned upside down.

*Hymn: "God Almighty We Are Waiting" #3047
Found in the green hymnal

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Bill & Karen Dean)

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

*Opening Prayer: Transforming God, we can get so wrapped up in Christmas— the decorating, the gift buying, the parties— that we miss the real event happening in our very midst. We don't want to see that everything will change. We resist scriptures that challenge the status quo if it means we might lose our positions of privilege. We'd rather focus on a meek and mild Mary and a cute baby Jesus. But Mary's prophecy turns the world upside down. We are afraid of what this will mean. Help us embrace the courage of Mary, and the faith of Elizabeth. Help us claim the promise of radical transformation brought by the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen. (*silent prayer*)

Words of Assurance

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Praying Together

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.

Anthem

First Reading: Luke 1:39-45
(pg. 1558 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Introducing the Capital Campaign

Offertory

***Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Canticle of Turning”
Please see insert

Second Reading: Luke 1:47-55
(pg. 1558-1559 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Jeff Losey

***Hymn:** “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” #196
Found in the red hymnal

*Benediction

✠✠✠ *Making the “sign of the cross” is a prayer in motion that many use during the benediction.* ✠✠✠



**You are invited to stand if you are able.*

GREETERS: Dottie Manheim & Mary Louise Gallagher

MUSIC: Francine & Jack Darling & the Choir

ALTAR GUILD REPRESENTATIVE: Joan Organ

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE
AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE.**

**HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE VIA HEADPHONES
(ASK A “GREETER”) OR BY USING THE “TELEPHONE”
SETTING OF YOUR HEARING AID.**