

*HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

#224

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go and tell others what you hear and see.

People: The blind receive sight and the lame walk.

Leader: Go and tell others the hope we have found.

People: The deaf hear and the dead are raised.

Leader: Go and tell others the promise of God's kingdom

People: The poor receive justice and mercy and the weak find strength.

Leader: Go and proclaim the good news.

People: There is new life in Christ.

Worship Service

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2019

GATHERING (Prelude)

WELCOME

PASSING THE PEACE

BELL CHOIR "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wait for the Lord: God is coming to save us.

People: **The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear once more.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.

People: **The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.

People: **All things will be made new.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship.

Acolyte

*HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #213

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and hope and joy.

People: **Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211 Verses 5-6

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

As the days darken and the winter winds blow, come to us, Promised One, in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where the blind receive their sight, the lame are made to walk, and the lowly are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Live in and through us during this Advent season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible, pg. 632)

CHORAL MESSAGE "Will You Travel to Bethlehem?"
By Don Besig

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:2-11 (Pew Bible, pg. 861)

SERMON: "Are We There Yet?" Part 3 Rev. Tim Powers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: May our soils magnify the Lord of love.

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

Leader: For the Mighty One has looked upon us with favor.

People: **The Holy One has done great things for us.**

Leader: From generation to generation, God's mercy is shown to those who worship in spirit and in truth.

People: **God's strength brings justice to the lowly.**

Leader: Surely mercy and goodness will follow us all the days of our lives.

People: **And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*HYMN "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218

THE SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offering

*Response "Doxology" #95

*Offertory Prayer

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (See Insert)