

**Worship Guide**  
**December 6, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**



Welcome

Call to worship

L: Praise be to God!

**P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.**

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Opening prayer

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets**

**to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.**

**Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: Toda la Tierra

UMH 210, v. 1 and 2

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and open furrows await the seed of God.**

**All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:**

**'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,  
one whose name is 'God with us' our Saviour shall be;  
with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture readings:

Matthew 1: 20b - 21

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Luke 2: 8 - 12

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

John 1: 14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Message: "Cosmic Disruption"

Concerns and Prayers

**O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer  
When we call, answer us.  
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord here our prayer  
Come and listen to us.**

Offering - This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary UMC, PO Box 630, Skowhegan ME 04976 or to an organization in your community that makes a positive difference in people's lives.

You may also offer God something that's on your heart: joy, gratefulness, anxiety, or something else.

The Great Thanksgiving

And now with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught, saying, "**Our Father...**"

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 626, v. 1 & 2

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.**

Benediction