

# WORSHIP TOGETHER

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# our gathering

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

by Ann Siddall, "Call to Worship for the Start of Advent," posted at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/11/call-to-worship-for-start-of-advent.html>.

In the midst of frenzied shopping and end-of-year weariness, we spread out a blue cloth, read again the ancient stories, and light a candle in the darkness, to celebrate a visitation.

Gathered here we declare our intention to live as if the greatest gift in the world were about to be placed into our hands and as if the Giver has understood our deepest needs, our most heartfelt prayers.

Like Mary, may we be surprised by our calling; like Simeon and Anna, may the years increase our faith; like sleep shift workers on a hillside, may our eyes be opened; like Joseph may we listen to our dreams; for this season requires creative imagination.

There is a Presence in our world that asks to be seen, who will stay awake?

There is a coming to our world that seeks a welcome, who will offer hospitality?

Even now Jesus Christ is moving toward us.

### **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

No. 211 (vs. 1-2 & 6-7), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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#### **1.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

#### **Refrain**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

2.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and cause us in her ways to go.

**Refrain**

6.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight..

**Refrain**

7.

O come, Desire of nations bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife.

**Refrain**

# our reading & reflection

## 2 Timothy 4:1-8

*Common English Bible*

**How God Becomes Real**

### **I. An Acknowledgement: Faith is Hard**

Pastor Jacob

#### **“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

No. 626 (vs. 1 & 3-4), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

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.

3.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears away..

#### 4.

At his fee the six winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

## our thanks & prayers

### Giving Thanks

Voice 1: The Lord be with you.

**Voice 2: And also with you.**

Voice 1: Lift up your hearts.

**Voice 2: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Voice 1: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Voice 2: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Voice 1: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...

**Voice 2:** Your blessings overflow, help us to recognize and name them now:

*You are invited to name things you are thankful for.  
Feel free to share with everyone verbally.  
You may also type your thanks in the chat.*

### “Christmas Doxology”

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.

Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

### Praying Together

You are invited to add your specific prayers silently, in the chat, or verbally following the prompts below.

Together let us pray for our world.

Together let us pray for our community and neighborhoods.

Together let us pray for our friends and family.

Together let us pray for ourselves.

## **The Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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.

### **Amen**

No. 2072 (Refrain ONLY), *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

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### **“Go Tell It On the Mountain”**

No. 251 (vs. 3), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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#### **Refrain**

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

#### **3.**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

#### **Refrain**



