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our gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

adapted from "Week 1: November 29, 2020, 'This Place is a Mess!'" by Derek Weber, *UMCdiscipleship.org* (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2020>).

If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent.

The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down... To make your name known... so that nations might tremble at your presence." So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

We light these candles as a sign of our hope that the light will dawn. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble.

(Light two candles on Advent wreath)

Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

"Savior of the Nations Come"

No. 211 (vs. 1-3), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)
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1.

Savior of the nations come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

2.

Not by human flesh and blood; by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous hild of the Virgin undefiled!
Human an divine in one, eager now his race to run!

our reading & reflection

Luke 1:1-4

The Message

How God Becomes Real

II. Tell the Story and Repeat (and Repeat)

Pastor Jacob

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230 (vs. 1-2 & 4), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

4.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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

