

TUMC Worshiping Together on Sunday December 13 2020

Topic: Sunday visit

Time: Dec 13, 2020 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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[Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus / In Christ Alone](#) piano solo, Kathy Niguidula

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (READ ALOUD OR SILENTLY)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:2-8, 19-28



We want everything to look nice: the decorations of the season, our homes with their lights and tinsel, wreaths and ribbons. We want to lighten the darkness around us, bring beauty to the ugliness that wears us down. We decorate, because it is tradition. Because it lifts our hearts. Because it makes us feel like children again. We deck our halls because company is coming.

The prophet Isaiah smiled when he said, “God will give a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.” No matter how far we feel from the spirit of the season, God promises to decorate us with love and with joy.

We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of this season – not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming. (UMC DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Prayer (Diane Karay)

Eternal God, you make the vast silences of the universe tenderly alive with light and beauty; you bring light and mercy to those who silently, peacefully, longingly await your coming. The beauty of your presence fills the universe from humble human hearts to the farthest stars. With gratitude for the gift of light we praise you, God, for you lovingly encompass us this day and forever. Amen

Song [God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen](#) Hal Filiar-Aguilera (band: The Wheel)

Joys and Concerns *(please send me your joys and concerns for prayer)*

- Increasing number of Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations.
- New hope for the vaccine and its availability.
- Keep Vigilant: Social Distancing, Washing Hands, Wearing Masks.
- Celebrating the Advent Season in new ways this year.
- Prayers for Dan Gassoway's cardiac health and healing from a fall.
- Prayers for Kasii and Sam Odgers for health and well- being.
- Darby and Sherris Harrell, as they recover from Covid-19.
- Selinda Smith's Parents as they navigate health concerns.
- No Justice, No Peace. Black Lives Matter.

Song [My Soul Magnifies the Lord](#) Chris Tomlin

Prayer ("All Earth is Waiting") Original in Spanish, UMC Hymnal #210

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.
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,"
for his name is "God with us,"
our brother shall be,
with him hope will blossom
once more with-in our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
open new highways, new highways for the Lord.
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,
And open the doorways as wide as wide can be. Amen

sunrise, Cynthia Asai



[Good Christian, Friends, Rejoice](#) TUMC Bells

[Children's Time](#) Rev. Amy

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.



Cynthia Asai

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46b-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”



Cynthia Asai

Song [I Wonder As I Wander](#) Melinda Beyers, Yvonne Chang

[Sermon and Reflections](#)

Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Doxology [Doxology 94](#) Kathy Niguidula

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Benediction Prayer:

God Almighty, we are waiting for a Savior to appear. Meet us in our desert journey; give a sign that you are near: burning bushes, parted waters, food aplenty in the wild. As we look for signs and wonders, help us see you in a child. Amen.

Sending Song [What Child is This?](#) Kathy Niguidula

Special thanks to our Music Director/Pianist, Kathy Niguidula, for our worship music selections and the instrumental Doxology today. And the Bell Choir: Loyce Martinazzi, Cindy Gotlib, Robin Gearn, Kelly Myers, Kathy Niguidula. And thanks to our TUMC Praise Team: Kathy Niguidula, Karen Miglioretto, Brianna Ballenti, Melinda Beyers, Selinda Smith, and our Praise Team Director: Hal Filiar-Aguilera. Special Thanks to Aaron Altemose for keyboard and production assistance.