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**Good morning!**

**PRELUDE**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty  
Gates



**WELCOME**





Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open,  
hear our prayers, receive our offerings of thanksgiving  
and praise, and cleanse us so that we may worship you  
in spirit and truth. Be glorified in every part of this  
service. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.



**UNISON OPENING PRAYER**



# LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE





# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

**When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.**

When you see the signs of His coming, lift up your heads and say

**Our redemption is drawing near!**

Heaven and earth may pass away,

**but the word of the Lord will stand unshaken.**

The Word of the Lord is a strong tower.

**Glory to God!**

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OPENING  
HYMN





# RESPONSIVE READING



Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**





# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

GALATIANS 3: 26-29



In Christ Jesus we are children of God through faith, for all who are baptized into Christ are with Christ. Therefore, there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there neither male and female, for those in Christ are made one in Christ. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.





Assured that God of creation is our provider, protector, and constant companion, let us take heart as we remind ourselves of that truth by reciting and meditating on Psalm 23.



**CALL TO CONFESSION**





# UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

# PASSING THE PEACE



May the peace of christ be with you!





# Announcements



## Advent Study

Nightly, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

01

02

## Annual Christmas Caroling/Joint

1:00 pm Today

## Pastor's Luncheon

December 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

03

04

## Beauty Supplies

December 20



## RESPONSIVE READING

### MATTHEW 11: 2-5



When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

**Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them."**

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION





## SERMONIC TEXT JAMES 5: 7-10



Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord, is near.



Beloved, do not grumble against one another so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.





# MORNING MEDITATION



# SILENT MEDITATION



CALL TO

DISCIPLESHIP



# PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE





# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have  
forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from  
temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.



**CLOSING HYMN**  
**GTG #132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



# BENEDICTION



May the Spirit of the only true, wise, and living God continue resting, ruling, and abiding in us, giving us the patience to not be overcome by the challenges of life.



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**CONG.  
RESPONSE**







**Have a good  
day!**

**POSTLUDE**

Rejoice! Rejoice Believers