

With the Revelation of He Who Comes

Part 3. Do Not Renounce Your Faith

Revelation 2:12-17

1. Your _____ matters particularly in time like this.

2. Do not put stumbling _____ before the sons of Israel.

3. Come and take hidden _____ prepared for you.

Keys: 1. faith; 2. blocks; 3. manna.

Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [two-by-two] (Matthew 10:1-5)

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God's Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

Announcements/ Reminders

1. Welcome all. "We shall overcome!"

2. Liturgists—thanks!

- + January 18: Dick Church
- + January 25: Doris Swaim

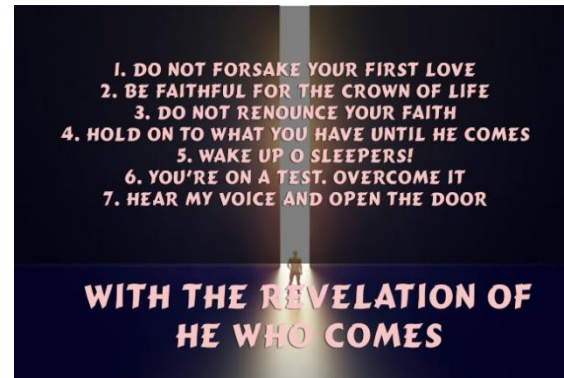
3. Please join Small Groups

- + Youth Hangout - Sunday at 7 p.m. through zoom.
- + Storytelling with Children - Sunday at 8 p.m. thru zoom.
- + The Holy Club (Young Adults) - Mon at 9 p.m. thru Zoom.

4. "Joyful" Music Ministry (Kathryn Herman, Music Director)

- + Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

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Blessed is the one who read the words of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is revealed to them; for the time is near. As the seven churches in the province of Asia were called to attention, today's churches are

invited to pay attention to the revelation of Jesus Christ. Begin the first year of the second quarter of the 21st century with the good news of Jesus Christ through John at Patmos.

❖ Liturgical Highlights during Advent

+ Sun., Jan., 18, Second Sunday after the Epiphany; Human Relations Day w. Special Giving

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Multi-contextual Ministry

+ Sun., Jan., 25, Third Sunday after the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship: Commissioning of Leaders

+ Sun., Feb. 1, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany;

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship: Holy Communion

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Day w. Special Offering

January 18, 2026 at 10 a.m.

The season after Epiphany is observed from the first Sunday after Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. This day calls the Church to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potentials as human beings in relationship with one another. The last Sunday after Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

Welcome, the Peace, Ministry Opportunities

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" Kathryn Herman
by Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

People: and we have seen his glory,

All: the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Alleluia!

***UMH No. 73** "O Worship the King" LYONS

Collect Offered in Unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Prayer Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of New Jersey, the Garden State, joined our union on December 18, 1787 (settled in 1660). Prior to the statehood, it was primarily the domain of the Lenni-Lenape for thousands of years. The transfer of land from the indigenous people to European settlers was a process that spanned nearly 200 years. Unlike many other colonies where land was taken primarily through open warfare, the transfer in New Jersey was characterized by a fundamental "clash of concepts" regarding what it meant to own the earth. While the indigenous people believed trade agreements meant the settlers could live on the land and share it, the European settlers viewed the agreements as permanent, exclusive ownership that barred the Lenape from every returning to or using their land. Today, while remnants of the Lenni-Lanape (Delaware) people remain in New Jersey, the tribal descendants are located primarily in Wisconsin and Oklahoma following forced removal and migration. Also pray for those who live in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

Offertory "Come, Thou Fountain of Every Blessing" Kathryn Herman
arranged by Jason Tonioli

***Doxology - UMH No. 94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Epistle Lesson "Revelation 2:12-17" New International Version

Musical Offering "Roll Down, Justice" Chancel Choir
by Mark Miller

Witness to the Word Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

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Response to the Word – Litany

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit to fill our very being.

People: As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world.

L: Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere.

P: Raise our vision above barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us.

L: Give us wisdom as we deal with one another.

P: Help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

L: In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love.

P: Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.
(Nancy R. McMaster)

Acknowledgements and Faith Sharing

Welcome visitors.

***UMH No. 533** "We Shall Overcome" MARTIN

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

Postlude "Praise to the Lord" Kathryn Herman
by John Carter

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal; *Congregation may stand as able

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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6p	Sunday Evening Study	thru Zoom

Mon., January 19 – MLK, Jr. Day (Office Closed)

11a	Coffee with the Pastor (resumes 1/26)	thru Zoom
1-2p	Bible Study	thru Zoom
5:30p	Staff Meeting (resumes 1/26)	thru Zoom
9p	The Holy Club	thru Zoom

Tue., January 20, Church Office Opens (9 a.m.-12 p.m.)

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Online Worship at

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