

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6
10:45 service



Good morning! Please click [here](#) if you would like to submit a prayer request.

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

Emmanuel—God with Us

Robert H. Young (1923-2011)

Chancel Choir

Introit

Veni, Emmanuel

Robert H. Young

Hymn

People, Look East

UMH 202

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Life of the Community

The Joy of Giving

Call to Worship

One: John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way." So family of faith, how do we prepare our minds for worship?

All: We silence the inner critic. We let go of busy thoughts. We make space for God to speak.

One: How do we prepare our hearts for worship?

All: We bless all emotions. We feel what we feel. We open ourselves up to be moved.

One: How do we prepare our bodies for worship?

All: We take in the scent, sight, and feel of our homes. We breathe in God's mercy. We exhale God's love.

One: How do we prepare our souls for worship?

All: We bring our full selves into this time. So prepare the way. Let us worship Holy God.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Mike McCartney

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211 vs 2

A: I dream of the first pitch of opening season.

B: I dream of a laundry day, where each sock finds its mate.

A: I dream of family home for the holidays.

B: I dream of good books and homemade meals.

A: I dream of sunset drives with the windows down.

B: These are beautiful dreams, but I also have urgent dreams.

A: I dream of conversations across party lines.

B: I dream of more bridges and less walls.

A: I dream of more laughter and less fear.

B: I dream of more listening and less tears.

A: But most of all, I dream of peace like a river.

B: Today we light the candle of peace. Light candle.

A: May it remind us that there is another way. Amen.

Children's Moment

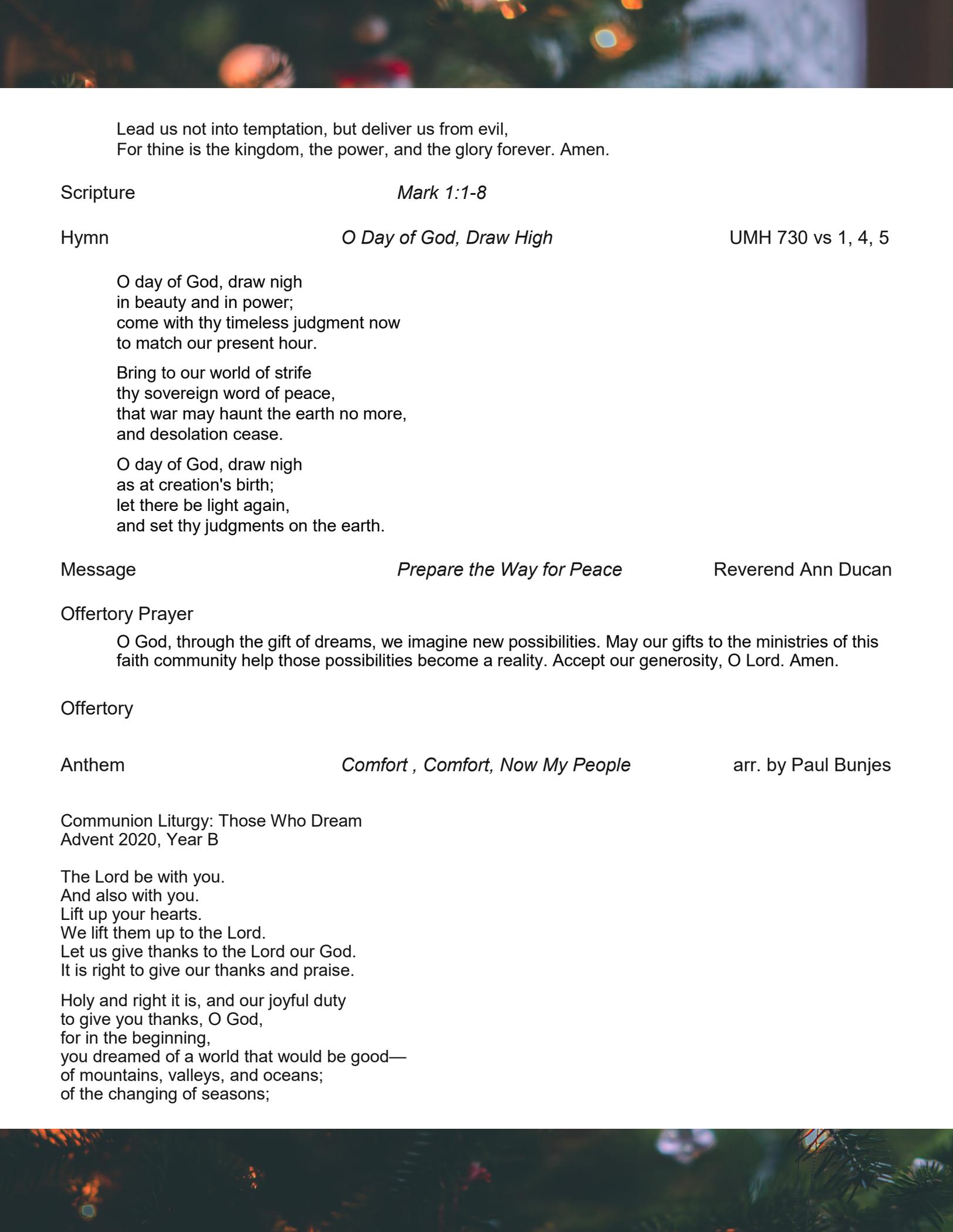
Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.



Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Hymn

O Day of God, Draw High

UMH 730 vs 1, 4, 5

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again,
and set thy judgments on the earth.

Message

Prepare the Way for Peace

Reverend Ann Ducan

Offertory Prayer

O God, through the gift of dreams, we imagine new possibilities. May our gifts to the ministries of this faith community help those possibilities become a reality. Accept our generosity, O Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Anthem

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

arr. by Paul Bunjes

Communion Liturgy: Those Who Dream
Advent 2020, Year B

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty
to give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning,
you dreamed of a world that would be good—
of mountains, valleys, and oceans;
of the changing of seasons;

of laughter and the magic of music;
of a creation united with you in love.
You dreamed of this world, O God,
and you formed it into being.

And when we, who bear your image in this world,
turned away from you,
you did not turn from us.
Rather, in love, you held fast to your dream—
working, shaping, and suffering to make it reality.

And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place.

Ever-present God,
your prophets dreamed of the day
when you would tear the heavens and come down,
and in Christ, their dream became reality.

Come down now, we pray,
upon this bread and cup
and make them be for us
the body and blood of Jesus Christ;

Christ is the Hope of the world.
The gifts of God
for the people of God.

Let us come for all things are now ready.
Who at supper with his disciples,
took bread, gave thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,
“This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup
and gave it to them saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

Creating God,
send your Spirit upon your people
that we too may dream your dream—
of the lion lying down with the lamb,
of justice rolling like a mighty river,
of swords beaten into plowshares,
of prisoners set free.
May we dream your dream,
and then, as we wake,
empower us with your Spirit,
and work to make your dream reality.

Form us with your dream, everlasting God, we
pray. Amen.

Bread of Life, be light in our darkness.
Christ is the Light of the world.
Cup of Salvation, be strength for our journey.

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 94

Closing Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Benediction

Hebrew Peace Chant Traditional
Shalom chaverim, Lehitraot, shalom.
Chancel Choir

Alleluia

UMH 186

Postlude

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring!

Phil Lehenbauer

Virtual Coffee & Chat

Join us after the service for a virtual coffee chat! All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124350936>

Please message Paula McKinney or Pastor Ann for the password.



Lessons & Carols Service: TODAY, 7 PM

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