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December 1, 2024 | 9:00 AM
Traditional Worship



Be Ready!
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Sunday Worship Service

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Call to Worship	Pastor Jason
Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;	
People: His greatness is unsearchable.	
Prelude (Procession of the Acolytes)	Rebecca Spickler
Welcome and Announcements	Jay Rosenlieb
Advent Candle Lighting: Advent Song (FWS 2090, v.1)	Morgan Jacobson
Confession and Assurance	Pastor Jason
*Song of Hope:	
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH 211, v.1-2, 6-7)	Congregation
*Apostles' Creed (UMH 882)	Jay Rosenlieb
*Glory Be To The Father (Hymn 70)	Congregation
*Passing of the Peace	Pastor Jason
Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36	Jay Rosenlieb
Children's Time	Pastor Jason
Choral Praise: Like A Child I Wait	Chancel Choir
Invitation to Give	Jay Rosenlieb
Offertory	Rebecca Spickler
*Doxology (Amen)	Congregation
*Prayer of Dedication	Jay Rosenlieb
Communion Liturgy, Section 1: Musical Setting	Pastor Jason
Sermon: Be Ready!	Pastor Jason

Communion Liturgy, Sections 2 and 3	Pastor Jason
The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Jason
Invitation to Receive Communion	Pastor Jason
Song of Communion:	
In Remembrance of Me (FWS 2254, All Verses)	Congregation
*Unison Prayer after Communion	Pastor Jason
Song of Praise:	
I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (UMH 206, All Verses)	Congregation
*Benediction	Pastor Jason
— <i>You Are Now Entering The Mission Field</i> —	

Assisting in Worship:	Advent Wreath: Morgan Jacobson
Pastor: Rev. Jason Thornton	Ushers: Tony Castro, Gary Oldham, Bonnie Bowles, Bonnie Casola
Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer	Welcome Desk: Sara Massoni
Liturgist: Jay Rosenlieb	Tech Team: Emile Antonell, Ed French, Holly Griffith
Greeters: Steven & Cathy Bailey Affsha Bhatti	Chancel Choir Accompanist: Char Gaines
Acolytes: Ava & Gretchen & Kirsten Diehl	Organist: Rebecca Spickler
Communion: Marti & Ed Ingalls, Jonie Roll Kate & Mike Cera Sherry Mathews	

Sermon Notes:

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Welcome & Introduction

This Is Amazing Grace

Advent Candle Lighting: "Adore Him"

Announcements

Question of the Day & Break

He Shall Reign

Children's Time

Scripture Reading : Luke 21:25-36

What A Beautiful Name

Communion: Section 1

Message : Be Ready!

Communion: Sections 2 & 3

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.*

Communion Serving

Unison Prayer After Communion

This Is Amazing Grace

Wrap-Up

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Jason Thornton

Spoken Word: Sergio Garcia

Hospitality: Stephanie Garcia, Jake Sams

Oscar & Perla Alano

Tammy Thornton

Tech Booth: Ian Tash, Emile Antonell

Communion: Kathy & Eric & Melissa Metcalf

Advent Wreath: Kathy & Eric &

Melissa Metcalf

Worship Team:

Guitar: Ivonne Garcia,
Beren Canlas

Bass: Sergio Garcia

Keys: Rebecca Spickler

Drums: Emile Antonell

Vocals: Beren Canlas,
Melissa Metcalf,
Ivonne Garcia

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Welcome & Announcements Helen Ordway

Advent Candle Lighting: Advent Song (FWS 2090, v.1) Jerelle Kavanagh

Prayer of Confession Pastor Jason

Lord God, in this season we are reminded that You became flesh and dwelt among humanity with perfect love for God and perfect love for neighbor.

You entered into this world and the lives of others to bring light and life.

We confess that, at times, we have neglected God and others. We confess that we have not entered into the lives of others in love.

We repent of these sins and come to You in confidence, knowing Your steadfast love for us endures forever. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

— *MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR PERSONAL CONFESSION* —

Hear the Good News! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! AMEN!

***The Apostles' Creed** (UMH 882) Congregation

***Praise Response:** Doxology (*Amen*) Congregation

***Passing of the Peace** Pastor Jason

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36 Helen Ordway

***Song of Hope:**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH 211, v.1-2, 6-7) Congregation

Communion Liturgy (Section 1: UMH 15) Pastor Jason

Sermon: Be Ready! Pastor Jason

Song of Communion:

In Remembrance of Me (FWS 2254, All Verses) Congregation

Communion Liturgy (Sections: 2 & 3 UMH 15-16) Pastor Jason

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jason

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.

Holy Communion Congregation

***Unison Prayer** Pastor Jason

Eternal God,

we give thanks for this holy mystery

in which you give yourself to us.

Grant that being fed by your love and grace

we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name and in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Benediction** Pastor Jason

Closing Song *They That Wait Upon The Lord*

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.

Help us, Lord; help us, Lord, on our way.

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Piano: Char Gaines

Liturgist: Helen Ordway

Hymn Leader: Jo Anne Coston

Advent Wreath: Jerelle Kavanagh