

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 6, 2020

Worship Outside

Second Sunday of Advent

11:30 am

We Gather to Worship

Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Today we light the candle of Peace - the Peace Christ brings.

*Call to Worship

Let us prepare our hearts
as we await the coming of our Lord.
Let us watch for the one who heard our cries
and shouldered the suffering of our world.
Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world
with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.
Let us wait in expectation for the day
when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness. Amen

*Opening Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith *The Advent Affirmation*

We believe in God the Creator, our Comforter – all knowing and all loving, all powerful and all giving, who brings the universe into being and at the same time knows us completely, cares for us compassionately, and loves us eternally. We believe in the Word made flesh who came and dwelt among us – Jesus the Christ who speaks comfort to our anxious hearts. Among even our burdens and fears, he fulfills the promise of peace. His advent proclaims the kingdom of heaven is at hand, where even they that dwell on the uppermost heights and those who know the unmeasurable depths are brought together on the level plain of God's rich and sustaining love. His coming again continues in us this ministry of consolation, ensuring that the glory of the Lord was, is, and shall be revealed, and we shall see it together.

Children's Moment

We Grow Through the Spoken Word

Pastoral Prayer and 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,
For ever and ever. Amen**

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 1:46-56

Mary said,

“With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

47 In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

48 He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name.

50 He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God.

51 He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

52 He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.

54 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy,

55 just as he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham’s descendants forever.”

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home.

***Prayer for the Offering**

Sermon

Excerpt from The Wild Knight by G. K. Chesterton

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.

(O weary, weary is the world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's chest,
His hair was like a star.

(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.

(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown.

And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

We Go to Serve

***Benediction**

*Stand as you are able