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First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

December 13, 2020

THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT—LOVE

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Welcome!

Facebook live streaming will begin at 9:25 am • Service begins at 9:30 am

Pre-service Music: “Once in Royal David's City/It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander MUSIC: Henry Gauntlett / WORDS: Edmund Sears MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting Pastor Diamond with Lindsay Hydinger and Ted Lille

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Midori Hall

MUSIC: Austin C. Lovelace; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Spoken Response

Lindsay and Ted

vs. 3 of #211 Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Call to Worship

The Rempel Family

Leader: Come! Rejoice in our God. Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

People: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and our world for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.

People: **May all who weep come home with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight the path for God's arrival.

All: **In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the birth of love.**

Opening Hymn

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” vs. 1, 2

#229

UM Hymnal #229 WORDS: trans. Edith M. G. Reed MUSIC: harm. Austin C. Lovelace; arr. Edith M. G. Reed

Opening Prayer

Spirit of God, we give you thanks for drawing near, for touching the world in the savior's birth. Help us draw near to you, as we prepare our hearts and our world for the justice and peace you bring. Guide our preparations for Christmas, as we share the good news with those who suffer, and as we offer our friendship to those who are alone. Move within our hearts, as we make a way for your coming, by forgiving others as we have been forgiven. Come, Spirit of God; be born in us anew, that we may live in your mercy and your grace. Amen.

Anthem

“For Unto Us a Child is Born”

by George Frideric Handel | Michael Rossback | Paul Baloche
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Scripture Readings Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-9 | John 1:6-8, 19-28

Message “You May Already Be A Winner” Rev. Tina Marie Rees

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Song of Response “Jesus Lights of Lights”

tune of Jesu, Light of Lights by Rob Mathes and Phil Nash; arr. Tom Fetke.

Offering

Offertory

“When Love Came Down”

Jan Casebolt

by Stuart Townend

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Presentation of the Offering “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” **#95**

UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674

Offering Prayer

God of love and light: just as John the Baptist came long ago in Judea to witness to your light, we remember that the offering you seek is that what we have and how we live should also witness to the light. We admit that there are times when we feel the darkness is just too prevalent, too strong, then we realize that we are ignoring the call to witness to the light. May we witness through our giving and our compassion, through what we say and what we do. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

#234

UM Hymnal #234 WORDS: trans. John F. Wade et. al. MUSIC: John F. Wade

Blessing

Postlude

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Reprise)

Join us ONLINE next week



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Thank you for viewing services today!


If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

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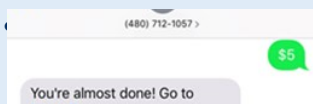
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