



DECEMBER 6, 2020 9:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

Rules: If you leave your car or have your windows down, you must have a mask on, and you must keep a 20ft. distance from any person you do not live with.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN* *Once in Royal David's City* No. 155

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: Let us hear what God will speak, encouraging words for an anxious people. Prepare a way for the Holy One, through deserts of despair build a highway for our God! Let us hear what God will speak, words of vision for a weary people. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss! Come, let us worship!

INVOCATION

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Alex Ignatiou
Children's Sunday School: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King
Young Learners: K – 3rd Teacher: Sarah Hogan
Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
 - Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
 - Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
 - The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.
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Today's altar flowers are given by Ted & Bertine Dolkowski, in honor of Bertine's 90th birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**November Meetings:
Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

Wed., Dec. 16th; **Holiday Service of Remembrance, 7:00pm**
This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. However, this year the service will take place on Facebook Live. The service will be on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's celebrations can be some of the happiest times of the year; they can also be a sad reminder of those we have lost. We will acknowledge our grief and seek comfort in God. We are here for each other, here to give comfort, here to provide support, and here to be a community of God together.

Dec; **Cookie-less Cookie Walk**
Because of the pandemic we are not holding our annual cookie walk. However, Martha is not one for letting a fundraising opportunity go by, and so she has come up with the Cookie-less Cookie Walk. For those of us that would usually spend money to bake cookies for the cookie walk, Martha is asking that we send what money we would normally spend to the church instead. For me that sounds like a great deal, and I won't have to bake 50 dozen cookies. All money sent to the church for the Cookie-less Cookie Walk will go towards the truss project fundraiser. Simply put "Cookie Walk" on your check or on a note with your donation. We will be accepting these special donations through the end of the year.

[†]Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication

December 13th, 2020
Psalm 126 & John 1:6-8, 19-28

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: In this moment we are called to examine our hearts, to name ways we have worked against God's work and Word. We have sins of commission, that is, what we may have done to contribute to the pain and chaos of our world. We also have sins of omission, that is, what we may have left undone which contributed to the pain, or failed to help alleviate suffering. Lord, forgive us for these sins.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Comfort, comfort, my people, says the God of justice and compassion. You are forgiven your sin, and showered with grace to change your life, and to work toward the kingdom of the One who is to come.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

LESSONS

Isaiah 40:1-11

OT pg. 779

Mark 1:1-8

NT pg. 47

SERMON

"Comfort"

COMMUNION

PARTING SONG*

Lord of Life

Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.

Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.

Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.