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**Prelude**

Pauline Buller

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

Sara Blodgett

**Christmas Carols**

*HWB 197 Angels we have heard on high (verses 1-2)*

*HWB 211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

**Call to worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles**

L: In difficult times we struggle to see the way before us...

**ALL: OUR EYES ADJUST, AND SHADOWS PERSIST.**

L: We reach out, desperate  
for comfort  
for balance  
for the familiar  
for hope.

L: In difficult times,  
even a faltering light can be just enough:  
the flame flickers, twinkles, dances—and it is dazzling!

**ALL: FOR IN ITS LIGHT, WE SEE LIGHT: GOD IN OUR MIDST.**

*\*Light Two Advent Candles\**

L: A voice cries out:  
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**ALL: EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE LIFTED UP,  
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL BE MADE LOW;  
THE UNEVEN GROUND SHALL BECOME LEVEL,  
AND THE ROUGH PLACES A PLAIN.**

L: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (*Isaiah 40:3-5*)

**HYMN *Comfort, comfort O my people* (HWB 176)**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** *Adapted from Psalm 85:8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a*

**Children’s Time**

Jennalee Boggs

**Scripture Readings** *Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8*

Reuben Wenger, Sara Blodgett

**Sermon – *On the Road of Repentance***

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

**Music for Meditation - *Nocturne (Op 19, No. 4) ... Petr Ilitch Tchaikovski***

Cathia Krehbiel, cello  
Tonya Ramer Wenger, piano

**Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

**HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* (HWB 178)**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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***WELCOME!!!***

*Please wear your mask at all times while in the church building and observe at least 6-foot physical distance from those not in your household.*

*You may hum or sing very softly during the hymns.*

*After worship please make your way outside for a time of fellowship with others instead of gathering in the foyer.*

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