



Announcements

Prelude

Shelley Kauffman and DeAnna Goering

Welcome

Stephanie Gehring

Christmas Carols

Trae Gehring (song leader) & Shelley Kauffman

HWB 191 O little town of Bethlehem (verses 1-2)

HWB 201 Hark! the herald angels sing

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles

Stephanie Gehring

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 Third Advent Candle

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and so we rejoice!

**ALL: OUR MOUTHS ARE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER,
AND OUR TONGUES WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.**

L: Those who sow in tears will reap shouts of joy.

**ALL: THOSE WHO GO OUT WEeping
WILL COME HOME WITH SHOUTS OF JOY. (Psalm 126:2-6)**

HYMN *O come, O come, Immanuel (HWB 172) – verses 1, 3, 5-6*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Stephanie Gehring

God, we confess we do not always recognize you.
We confess that when we do, we do not always receive you.
Open our eyes to see you and our hearts to receive you. AMEN.

Children's Time

Susan Combs

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

Delon Martens

Sermon – *On the Road to Restoration*

Jim Unruh

Music for Meditation

Shelley Kauffman and DeAnna Goering

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Jim Unruh

HYMN *My soul is filled with joy (STJ 13)*

Benediction (*adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28*)

Stephanie Gehring

Postlude

Shelley Kauffman

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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