



November 26, 2023

Josiah's Reform

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP (VT 857)

Holy God,

You call us together

to reflect on your Word
and our life in your world.

Be with us now

as we sing and pray together,

That we may hear your voice

and understand your way.

This we pray

through Jesus, the Christ. AMEN

HYMN *The God of Sarah Praise* VT 190

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

Scripture Reading *2 Kings 22-23:3; Luke 24:30-32*

Children's Time

HYMN *Restore Our Faith, O Saving God* VT 198

Sermon
Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *My life flows on* VT 605

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya. If you do not have a home connection to the internet and would like to receive a printed copy of our weekly newsletter, let the church office know.

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Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Usher: Russ Wedel & Diane Ziemer
Nursery: Joel & Hilda Iwashige
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader and Scripture Reader: Calvin Buller
Children's Time: Hilda Iwashige
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, minds and lives, and our prayers for peace around the world.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary or on our website.



Advent 2023: How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Our 2023 Advent series, created by A Sanctified Art, was created *“to acknowledge the weariness of our world while also seeking real and daily moments of joy. We need to remember that all of life can be a prayer.”* And, thus, the theme: *“How Does a Weary World Rejoice?”*

Each week, an answer inspired by scripture is offered in response to this tender question. Copies of a devotional booklet and Advent calendars to support your Advent journey are available in the foyer, or sign up to receive them electronically.

If you are using the Advent Devotional, pick one up and start reading Week One this week, in preparation for worship next Sunday! If you sign up to receive it electronically, I'll send the entire week's resources out at the beginning of each week. The Advent Calendars begin on Friday December 1.

TODAY: *Fellowship time in Common Grounds* following worship.
11:00am Sunday School for all ages.

Silent Auction Items! Bring your donated items to be auctioned off in the Sr Youth Silent Auction to the church basement by 8:45am on Sunday Dec 3. Items brought to church before Nov 25 can be put in the Associate Pastor office. After Nov 25, take your items directly to the basement. Thank you!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Dec 3 – Advent begins, with Christmas Tree** decorating
Silent Auction Fundraiser (9-9:30am; 10:30-11:00; 12-12:45)
NOON Fundraiser Lunch provided by Senior Youth
12:45pm Annual Meeting for all (childcare provided)
- **Dec 8 – Singing Group @ Wenger's;** 6pm potluck/7pm singing
- **Dec 21 – 6:00pm** Longest Night Service (also livestreamed)
6:45pm Soup Supper
7:30pm (approx.) Christmas Caroling (*bring desserts/snacks to share afterwards!*)
- **Dec 24 – 9:30am** Sunday morning worship;
7pm Christmas Eve worship with a simple children's program, candle lighting and more (*bring finger foods to share after the service*)

Christmas Giving Opportunities:

- ***Salthawk Community Support*** – monetary contributions for Christmas sacks for students. Give at www.trinityhutch.org
- ***Hat & Mitten Tree*** in our church foyer (watch our foyer)
- ***MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Baby Bundles*** – a \$25 contribution purchases one bundle. Check or online gift to FMC – Baby Bundles



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