

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

December 22, 2024

9:30am

HOPE IS WORTH THE RISK/LOVE

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship

One: In this weary world, we sing of love.

All: In this fragile world, we lift each other up.

One: In this beautiful world, we look for God.

All: In this tender world, we hold onto hope.

One: This is the invitation of faith. So in this time of worship, may we sing, lift up, look for, and hold onto our with-us God.

All: With love in our hearts. Amen!

Advent Candle Lighting

Green Family

Sung Response

“Love Broke Forth”

(Sung to the tune IRBY/#250 Once in Royal David’s City)

Love broke forth to know completely

Who you are and who you’ll be

Gathering into one body

All of our humanity

Tenderly Love speaks your name

Your belonging to proclaim

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, The stories of Advent are stories many of us have heard before.

We’ve arranged the nativity scenes. We’ve read the children’s books. We’ve seen the movies. We’ve sung the songs. But as we come to your scripture this morning, we pray: help us begin again. Clear the distractions from our minds. Center us in this space. Move through the protective barriers we surround ourselves with and speak to us here and now. We are listening. We are hopeful. Amen.

Hymn

“People Look East”

Hymnal 202

Children’s Time

Pastor Leigh

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Hymnal 216

Scripture

Luke 1:41-55

Hymn

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God” (vs 1-3 & 5)

Hymnal 198

Message

Rev. Leigh Brown

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who gives us reason to hope, a God who fills our nights with stars, who follows winter with spring, who dwells with and among us.

We believe that this God has dreams for creation, dreams of justice like a mighty stream and swords that will be beaten into plowshares.

Therefore, we push cynicism aside. We risk vulnerability. We hold onto hope, and we declare: “My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

Offering

*Doxology

(To the tune of #219 What Child Is This)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God all heavens and the earth

Our hope for today and always

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verse 4)

Hymnal 230

Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Hymnal 242

Blessing

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Dec. 23	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Dec. 24	5:00pm 10:00pm	Worship/Live-Stream Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 25	Merry Christmas—Church Office Closed	
Thursday, Dec. 26	Church Office Closed 6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Dec. 29	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream



Prayer Requests:

Maia & Vic Noer—granddaughter Lilia is back in the hospital with pneumonia

Sara Modders—Gail Landor is moving to New Perspectives by the end of the month

Kay Petterson—friend Charles is suffering from dizzy spells and fell and was taken to the hospital

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