

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Linda Shantz, Debbie Lund,

Clay Grumke, Cindy Foshee

Music "Mary Did You Know" Paige Simpson

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Sharon Kichline

Centering "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastor: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Call to Worship Pastor Joshua

One: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

Many: Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God's most gracious gift, God's

Son, Jesus Christ.

One: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

Many: May God's light shine on us, in us and through us that God's glory may be

seen.

Opening Prayer In Unison

Beloved, Holy One, we welcome you to our house today, the sacred space we have built to gather together, with you and your people. Here we come to offer you our thanksgiving and praise in response to the abundance of your creation. Here we come to share with you our prayers of confession and petition, for they lie heavy on our hearts. Even knowing that you are here and everywhere, we come longing to hear you say, "I am with you always." Amen.

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent, the candle of LOVE

Children's Story

Shaeleigh Parsons Director of Children's Ministries

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Paige

Blessing of the Offerings-to-Come Unison

Prayers of the People

Special Music "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Clay and Eric Grumke

Scripture Readings John 1:1 Genesis 1:1-5 John 1:14

Sermon INCARNATION: "The Word Became Flesh" Pastor Sharon

Sending Song "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Medley" Lamar Fitzgerald

Margo Petracek

Benediction

Postlude and Announcements

