

**\*Doxology**                      **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**                      **UMH 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Offertory Prayer**

Lord God, you have shown us your glory: in your holy word, in the blessings of our daily lives, and in the promise of your eternal kingdom. You share your glory with us, giving us the power to live in holiness and godliness. Your loving patience gives us hope as we await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. In gratitude and thanks, we offer you our hearts, our lives, and all that we have. Use these gifts, we pray, to prepare your way of salvation and to establish your realm of peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Holy Communion**

Special Music “Revelation Song”

**Closing Song**

**“Awakening”**

In our hearts, Lord, in this nation awakening.

Holy Spirit, we desire awakening.

For You and You alone awake my soul; awake my soul, and sing.  
For the world You love Your will be done, let Your will be done in me.

In Your presence, in Your power, awakening.

For this moment, in this hour, awakening.

For You and You alone awake my soul; awake my soul, and sing.  
For the world You love Your will be done, let Your will be done in me.

For You and You alone awake my soul; awake my soul, and sing.  
For the world You love Your will be done, let Your will be done in me.

Like the rising sun that shines, from the darkness comes a light;

I hear Your voice, and this is my awakening!

Like the rising sun that shines, from the darkness comes a light;

I hear Your voice, and this is my awakening!

Like the rising sun that shines, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.  
From the darkness comes a light; awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.

Like the rising sun that shines, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.

Only you can raise a life; awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.

In our hearts, Lord, in the nations awakening.

**Benediction**

God is bringing light to our darkness. We are called to go into the world, confident in God’s loving presence, to serve others in need. Go, bringing hope and peace to this darkened world. Go in God’s love. AMEN.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. HAVE A GREAT WEEK :)

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**Order of Worship**

**December 6, 2020**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Kim Snavely**

1. After the worship service, the Drive-thru communion will be offered at the main door of the church for 30 minutes.
2. Please continue to read the gospel of Luke for this Advent season. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve, you will have read an entire account of Jesus’ life.
3. We appreciate Larry and Jaime for the advent sign at the west-north side of the church building. We also appreciate Larry and Todd for the work of the big Christmas tree in the sanctuary.
4. The Confirmation Sunday will be next Sunday, December 13 for the worship hour. This year, we have five students, Aiden Sinsel, Addison Klabunde, Kara Suchsland, Madeline Kring, and Jerzee Smidt. We also appreciate the devotion of their mentors, Larry Evans, Kim Snavely, Allyson Jameson, Julie Ratka, and Dawn Moyer.
5. We continue to have Sunday school on Wednesday at 3:30 PM.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$3,897.00. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Klabunde Family**

**Opening Songs**

**“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**UMH 196**

**Vs. 1** Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

**Vs. 2** Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## “We Are”

### Chorus

We are the light of the world.  
We are the city on a hill.  
We are the light of the world.  
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine.  
We are the light of the world.  
We are the city on a hill.  
We are the light of the world.  
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine.

Every secret, every shame,  
every fear, every pain,  
live inside the dark but that's  
not who we are.  
We are children of the day.  
So wake up sleeper, lift your head.  
We were meant for more than this.  
Fight the shadows, conquer death,  
Make the most of the time we have left.  
(Chorus)  
Let the light shine. Let the light shine.

We are called to spread the news,  
to tell the world the simple truth Jesus came to save.  
There's freedom in His name.  
So let His love break through.  
(Chorus)  
We are the light. We are the light. We are the light.  
So let your light shine brighter.  
We are the light. We are the light. We are the light.  
Jesus You are the light.

You are the light. You are the light.  
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.  
(Chorus)  
Let the light shine. Let the light shine.  
Let the light shine. Let the light shine.

### Call to worship!

L: Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness

**P: Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.**

L: Something new was about to happen.

**P: God would visit God's people in a new way!**

L: Lord, open our hearts to receive this good news!

**P: Prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion as we look forward to this wondrous event you have proclaimed to us. AMEN.**

### Opening Prayer

**Lord of Darkness and of Light, come to us this day in the midst of our growing darkness bringing the light of hope to our lives. Keep our hearts and minds alert to your presence. Give peace to our stressed spirits. In this season of Advent, prepare us to greet the One who will lift our burdens and change our lives forever. AMEN.**

### Congregational Prayer

### Children's Time



## Scriptures

### Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

### Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### Message

### "Good News!"

### Pastor Peter Choi

### Pastoral Prayer

Prayer List: Hendrickson Family, Schutz Family, Virginia Madsen (healing), Brad Lange (covid), Christy (healing), Julie Ratka's Aunt (covid), Marjorie Hultquist (healing), Maxine Grams (healing), and Lori Conyers's parents (healing)

This week's birthdays: Mike Conyers, Jim Haws, and Kathi Schutz

This week's anniversaries: Malcom & Nicole Dornhoff, 20 years  
Tim & Tammy Burke, 38 years