

## OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front rows of the side aisles.

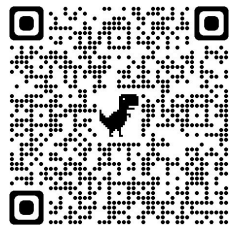
## SENDING

SONG\* - Wait for the Lord (#143)

CHARGE & BLESSING\*

\*Stand, as you are able

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## GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

In your reign...

**dead stumps blossom with new life.**

In your reign...

**the wolf will lie down with the lamb.**

In your reign...

**no one shall be harmed on your holy mountain.**

In your reign...

**a child shall lead us.**

In your reign...

**the whole earth will be filled with your glory.**

Come and worship the God

whose reign is coming,

whose reign is here.

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

## PROCESSION SONG\*

Peace will not fail, no, peace will not fail,  
though vengeance and violence seem to prevail,  
no, peace will not fail; peace, peace will prevail.

## SONG\* - Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.  
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## SONG\* - *Toda la Tierra*/All Earth is Hopeful

1. Toda la tierra espera al Savador  
y el surco abierto, la obra del Señor;  
es el mundo que lucha por la libertad,  
reclama justicia y busca la verdad.

2. All earth is hopeful,  
the Savior comes at last.  
Furrows lie open  
for God's creative task:  
This, the labor of people  
who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice  
set everybody free.

3. People of Israel,  
you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother  
will bear Emmanuel."  
She conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage  
to children of this earth.

4. Mountains and valleys  
will have to be prepared;  
new highways open,  
new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing  
in beauty and grace!  
All clear every gateway,  
in haste, come out in haste!

## SONG OF CONFESSION

Refrain:  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

For what we've left undone,  
for fear that leaves us numb,  
for all we can't outrun  
that we need rescue from.

If death is overcome  
and new life is begun,  
then sin will be undone.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel;  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## SONG\* - Come, Come, Emmanuel

Come, come Emmanuel.  
Come, Emmanuel.

## WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

### GOSPEL LESSON\*

Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Imagining Out Among the Stumps*

Pastor Aaron

## RESPONSE

### SONG\* - O Day of Peace

1. O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams;  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.

2. May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

3. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.

4. Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.c

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER