

## 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.

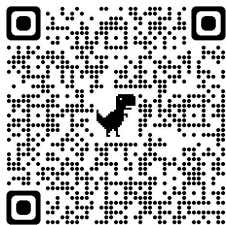
## SENDING

SONG\* - Come, You People of the Promise (#130)

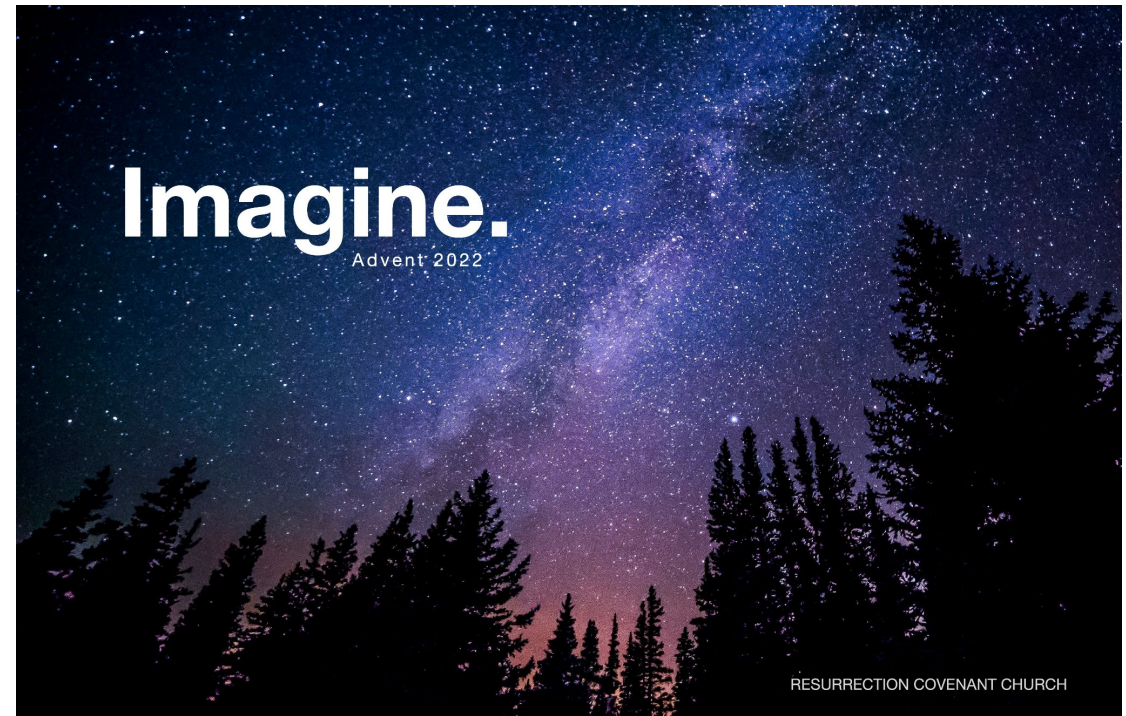
## CHARGE & BENEDICTION\*

\*Stand, as you are able

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to sign-up to help  
Sunday mornings:



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## GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Our souls magnify the Lord!

**Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

The mighty one has done great things for us.

**Holy is God's name.**

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones;

**God has lifted up the lowly;**

God has filled the hungry with good things;

**God has sent the rich away empty.**

God remembered Israel and helped them;

**God remembers the promises made to our ancestors.**

Come and worship God,

**for God is our Maker and Redeemer,**

**from generation to generation showing mercy.**

### PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

## PROCESSION SONG\*

Joy will not fail, no, joy will not fail,  
though mourning and misery seem to prevail,  
no, joy will not fail; joy, joy will prevail.

## SONG\* - Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Long in darkness we have waited,  
long in mortal shadows, we  
walked in bondage and self-pity,  
trod in paths of sin and grief.  
In the prophets' words he told us,  
long the God of Israel spoke;  
He alone in strength would save us  
from the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:  
Every valley be exalted!  
Every mountain be made plain!  
Crooked ways repent and straighten;  
all creation bend in praise.

2. He shall raise a mighty Savior,  
born of David's lineage, he  
comes in cov'nant love to claim us,  
from our sins to set us free.  
Light to those who dwell in darkness,  
Life to those from death who flee,  
joy unto the earth, and gladness,  
to your pathways dawning peace!

3. Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,  
David's Son and yet his King,  
dawning light of our salvation,  
of your saving pow'r we sing!  
Stand, you hurt, and dance you broken,  
know the Savior's healing grace;  
Turn, oh tired, behold his face!

## SONG\* - Come Light, Light of God

Come light, light of God, o'erwhelm all creation.  
Enlighten our hearts, let your light dwell in us.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from Kimberly Bracken Long)*

**God of glory,  
we are thirsty for your grace.  
You made a way for us in the wilderness,  
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.  
We hide from your light,  
we do not listen to your word;  
and we do not recognize your presence among us.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Speak peace to our fearful hearts  
and guide our feet  
as we seek to follow your holy way.**

## 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 Light Our Hearts

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.  
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Truly our hope is in you,  
truly our hope is in you.

1. O Lord of life, our only hope,  
your radiance shines on all who look  
to you in the dark, Emmanuel, come,  
come light our hearts.

2. O Joy above all other loves,  
in you we find more than enough.  
We come as we are; O heal and restore,  
come light our hearts.

## WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

### GOSPEL LESSON\*

Matthew 11:2-11

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON- *Are You the One?*

Pastor Aaron

## RESPONSE

### SONG\* - Canticle of the Turning (see insert)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER