

## 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

We invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread in your open hands as a symbol that the grace we receive at the table is not something we take for ourselves but is freely offered to us. After receiving the bread, you may either dip your bread in the communal cup or partake of an individual cup. Gluten-free bread is available, simply ask your server.

**SONG\*** - Come Now, O Prince of Peace (see insert)

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*

### SENDING

**SENDING SONG\*** - Hope Will Not Fail (v. 1) (see insert)

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION\*

\*Stand, as you are able

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to sign-up to help  
Sunday mornings:



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info and be added to our newsletter,  
scan the QR code to your right→



## GATHERING

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*** (*by Rev. Sarah A. Speed*)

On Sundays and Mondays,  
**on good days and bad days,**  
early in the morning and very late at night,  
**here in this room, and out in the world,**  
God, we long for you to break in.

**Meet us in this space.**  
Surprise us with your presence.  
**Fill this room with your good news.**

With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!

PROCESSION HYMN\* - We Light A Candle

We light a candle to resist  
indifference and despair,  
to kindle hope within our midst  
and action from our prayer.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

SONG\* - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Hymn #120)

SONG\* - Come To Our World, Emmanuel (see insert)

CONFSSION OF SIN -

**Ever-present God,**  
**we long to feel you close.**  
**We long to feel your presence in our lives.**  
**We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world.**  
**However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still long enough**  
**to feel you in our midst.**  
**Forgive our rushing and distractions.**  
**Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space.**  
**Remind us that even in the time of Herod,**  
**even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.**

*~silence~*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel;  
**Nothing can keep God's love away.**  
**We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*(Any children aged Pre-K-6 are welcome to attend ResCov Kids and will return for communion)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

**WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Lamentations 3:55-57**

GOSPEL LESSON\*

**Luke 1:5-13**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***In The Time of Herod...***

*Pastor Alicia*

**RESPONSE**

SONG\* - In The Time of Herod (see insert)

LIFE TOGETHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (*debts, debtors*)

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online ([rescov.org/give](http://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. To give online, scan the QR code to your right.



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Come still the storm of lies we tell.  
Come draw us back when we rebel  
till the wrongs of the world are mended.

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Come rouse us from oppression's spell.  
Come rout the pow'rs of death and hell  
till the wounds of the world are tended.

Come to our world, Emmanuel.  
Come as the seas of sorrow swell.  
Come and at last make all things well  
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Still we share a long - ing for a glimpse of hope



Or - di - na - ry peo - ple dared not speak a - loud  
With the clouds so hea - vy, who could see the stars?  
Still in the re - cess - es of our wea - ry souls  
Or - di - na - ry peo - ple shout the truth we trust:



Dreams of the Mes - si - - ah break-ing through the clouds  
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