

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* - Canticle of the Turning (see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

SENDING

SENDING SONG* - Hope Will Not Fail (vv. 1-3) (see insert)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able

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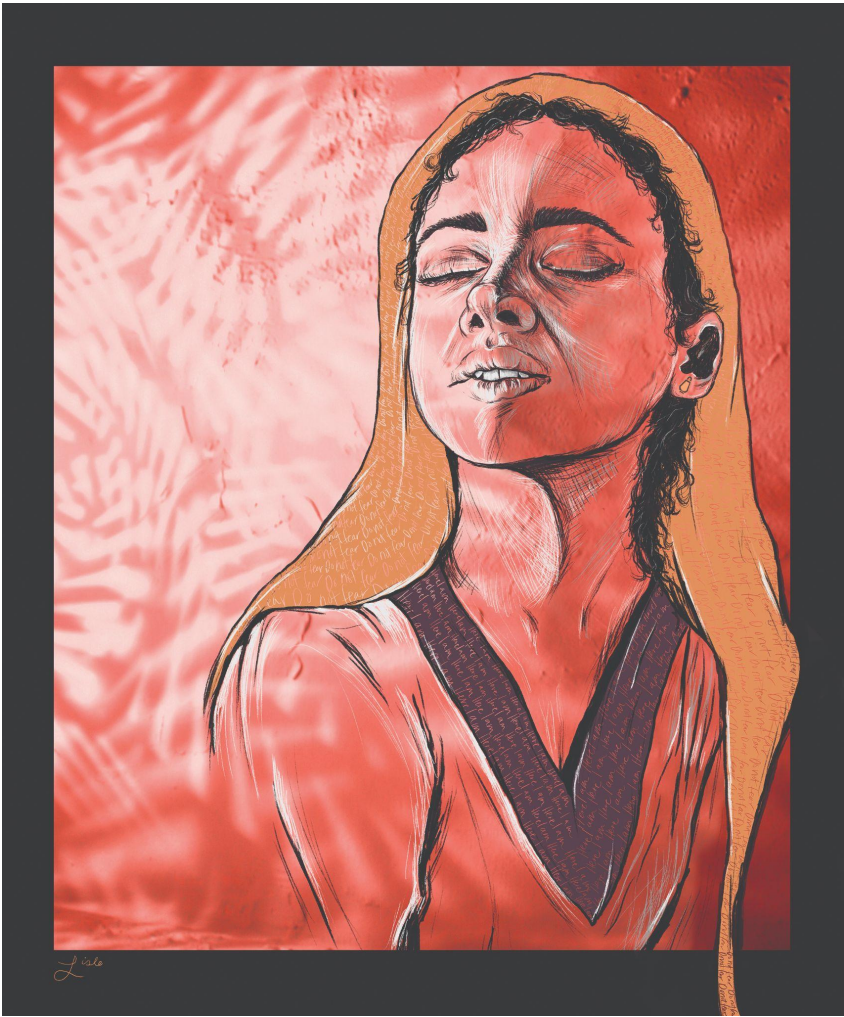
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GATHERING

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

Jeremiah said, “I am only a boy.”

Moses said, “Who am I to do this work?”

Mary said, “How can this be?”

We often say, “But God, I am afraid.”

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God’s invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God’s praise.

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

PROCESSION HYMN* - We Light A Candle

We light a candle to reclaim
your mystifying joy,
a stubborn and yet fragile flame
that grief cannot destroy.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

SONG* - Don’t Be Afraid

Don’t be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don’t be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger, and I have promised, promised to be always near.

SONG* - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymn #135)

CONFESSION OF SIN -

Courageous God,
you invite us to live into our call.
You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust.
Instead of responding with a resounding “yes,”
we often hide our face.
We dig our heels in.
We look for someone else to volunteer.
Spark courage in us.
Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference.
Remind us that even when we’re scared, we are not alone.
You invite us forward.
With baby steps we hope, we pray, amen.

~silence~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel;
We are known. We are forgiven! We are sent to serve.

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* - Hope (The Brilliance) (see insert)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

GOSPEL LESSON*

Luke 1:26-39

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Even In Our Fear... We are Called Forward

Pastor Alicia

RESPONSE

SONG* - O Come, Take Heart (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) 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.



Hope

Hope, we will find our hope
We will find our hope
We will find our hope in You

Peace, we will find our peace
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We will find our peace in You

Joy, we will find our joy
We will find our joy
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O Come, Take Heart

O come, O come though timid and unsure
And trust that God declares your worth
Remember when you’re feeling small
That every child of God is called

Refrain
Take heart, take heart!
The one who calls to you
Will give you strength and see you
through

O come, O come though you feel
unprepared
When courage fails you, do it scared
Don’t let the fear of making mistakes
Impede you from the path you’re called to
take

Refrain

O come and join God’s kingdom work
And be God’s hands and feet on earth
You’re called exactly as you are
To love the world with every broken part

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Hope Will Not Fail (verses 1, 2, 3)

Hope will not fail,
no, hope will not fail.
Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail,
no, hope will not fail;
hope, hope will prevail.

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.

Believe in the coming,
the coming of peace!
Though vengeance and violence seem to
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Joy will not fail,
no, joy will not fail.
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Believe in the blessing,
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Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,
and my weakness you do not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
‘Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

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