

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome.....Erin Racine

Introit: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1) Veni Emmanuel
Bethany DiSantis, *soloist*

† Processional Hymn No. 211 Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 4, 6, 7)

**O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all people on thy mercy call.**

Refrain:
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits with thy justice here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain

**O come, Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
Deliver us from earthly strife.**

Refrain

† Call to WorshipFrances Merritt
Liturgist: *When we find ourselves in darkness,*
People: **may we also find a blessing.**
Liturgist: *When we find ourselves in shadows,*
People: **may we also find a welcome.**
Liturgist: *On this longest night of the year,*
People: **may we be encircled by Love.**
Liturgist: *On this longest night of the year,*
People: **let us worship the One who calls us by name.**

Lighting the Advent Candles.....Tom Lee

Call to Confession

Prayer of ConfessionSt. Louis

O Little Town of Bethlehem, verse (all sing)

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray.**

**Cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.**

**We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell.**

**O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

Silent Confession

Refrain (all sing)

**O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the
name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

**Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting and the
watching, the hoping and the longing, the sorrow, the
sighing, and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in
these Advent days and walk with us until the day of your
coming. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Psalms 91Tom Lee

Words of Hope: “Finding Refuge” Erin Racine

The Great Thanksgiving Carol Cavin-Dillon

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Holy God, in this season...and join their unending
hymn.

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy is your name...as we proclaim the mystery
of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come
again.**

Celebrant: Send the power of your Holy Spirit...all honor
and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and
forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever.
Amen.**

Breaking the Bread and time for Prayer, Candle Lighting
and Anointing with Oil

PrayerTom Lee

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn: In the Still of the Winter...Foundation

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1. In the still of the win - ter, the dark of the year,
2. From the si - lence of eve - ning, from shad - ow and sleep,
3. I am here in the stars, in the dark of the night.

there's a watch - ing and wait - ing for God to come near.
comes a nu - mi - nous star like a voice from the deep.
I am al - ways with - in you, and I am the light.

My heart, like a trav - eler who's lost in the night,
How long must I wan - der, how far must I roam?
I am who i am, sings the God of my soul.

feels a year - ing for com - fort, and long - ing for light.
I am here, I am with you, and I'll lead you home.
In your wait - ing and hope I am mak - ing you whole.

(Higher Key: UM Hymnal, no. 529)

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† Benediction..... Erin Racine

Voluntary

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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Rev. Erin Racine, *Pastor of Congregational Care and Hospitality*
Mr. Tom Lee, *Certified Lay Speaker*
Frances Merritt, *Ministry Intern for Congregational Care*
Dr. Matthew Phelps, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Bethany DiSantis, *Music Intern*



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