

WORSHIP HANDOUT
December 5th
Second Sunday of Advent – The Way/Love
Communion
“The Precipice” series



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Closet Reopen 9-11

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*INTROIT UMH 213, Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(vs. 3 only)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As streets fill with shoppers
Bright lights and tempting offers
Christmas songs and children's laughter
You lead us along a different path
To a desert river and a Prophetic voice
A call to repentance
A call to service
A call to immerse ourselves
In living water that will never run dry
A call to prepare a way in our own lives
For the Savior of the world to enter in
To know the touch of tender mercy
And rest in your forgiving love

**P: For your faithful prophets
And your Living Word
We give you thanks. Amen**

*HYMN

UMH 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God,

be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit.

Clear your road in us;

clear a path through the detritus of possessions and obsessions.

Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games.

Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride.

Make a highway on which Christ may come

and take possession of the whole territory of our being.

To the glory of your name we pray.

Amen!

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

SILENT PRAYERS (Music)

LORD'S PRAYER

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 now and forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Parent, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives.

HYMN

UMH 219 What Child is This v 3

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers.

⁴ I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy.

⁵ I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now.

⁶ I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel.

⁸ God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹ This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight.

¹⁰ I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ.

¹¹ I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

HYMN

TFWS 2089 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins.

⁴ This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

***“Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.***

**⁵ Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will be leveled.**

***The crooked will be made straight
and the rough places made smooth.***

⁶ All humanity will see God’s salvation.”

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“It’s got layers”

HYMN

TFWS 2236 Gather Us In

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

UMH 204, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

POSTLUDE