

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>  
First Sunday of Advent  
Communion  
Series: From Generation to Generation



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

MUSICAL RESPONSE From Generation to Generation, vs. I only

CALL TO CONFESSION

In God's house, everyone is welcome—  
those who seem like they have it all together,  
and those who feel like their world is falling apart.  
No matter who we are, there's room for us here.  
With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer,  
speaking the truth of our lives.  
Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."  
**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**  
You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you  
here."  
**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”**

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.  
Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.  
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.  
Help us remember, today and tomorrow,  
There’s room for every story. Amen.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,  
We who feel scattered are held together.  
We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.  
And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told,  
“There’s room for you here.”  
From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Away in a Manger, vs. 3 UMH #217

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM: Come, O Come to Us, We Pray Beall/Carter

## UNISON PRAYER

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us—  
ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed  
to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow—  
old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In

scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

## TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (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 Father, 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:

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

UMH #216

LESSON I

**Isaiah 2:1-5 CEB**

**This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**

**<sup>2</sup>In the days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
will be the highest of the mountains.  
It will be lifted above the hills;  
peoples will stream to it.**

**<sup>3</sup>Many nations will go and say,  
"Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain,  
to the house of Jacob's God  
so that he may teach us his ways  
and we may walk in God's paths."**

**Instruction will come from Zion;  
the Lord's word from Jerusalem.**

**<sup>4</sup>God will judge between the nations,  
and settle disputes of mighty nations.  
Then they will beat their swords into iron plows  
and their spears into pruning tools.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation;  
they will no longer learn how to make war.**

**<sup>5</sup>Come, house of Jacob,  
let's walk by the Lord's light.**

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

**\*LESSON 2                      Matthew 1:1-17 CEB**

**A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:**

**<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac.**

**Isaac was the father of Jacob.**

**Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.**

**<sup>3</sup>Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah,  
whose mother was Tamar.**

**Perez was the father of Hezron.**

**Hezron was the father of Aram.**

**<sup>4</sup> Aram was the father of Amminadab.**

**Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.**

**Nahshon was the father of Salmon.**

**<sup>5</sup> Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab.**

**Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth.**

**Obed was the father of Jesse.**

**<sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of David the king.**

**David was the father of Solomon,  
whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.**

**<sup>7</sup> Solomon was the father of Rehoboam.**

**Rehoboam was the father of Abijah.**

**Abijah was the father of Asaph.**

**<sup>8</sup> Asaph was the father of Jehoshaphat.**

**Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram.**

**Joram was the father of Uzziah.**

**<sup>9</sup> Uzziah was the father of Jotham.**

**Jotham was the father of Ahaz.**

**Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.**

**<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh.**

**Manasseh was the father of Amos.**

**Amos was the father of Josiah.**

**<sup>11</sup> Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers.**

**This was at the time of the exile to Babylon.**

**<sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel.**

**Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.**

**<sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud.**

**Abiud was the father of Eliakim.**

**Eliakim was the father of Azor.**

**<sup>14</sup> Azor was the father of Zadok.**

**Zadok was the father of Achim.**

**Achim was the father of Eliud.**

**<sup>15</sup> Eliud was the father of Eleazar.**

**Eleazar was the father of Matthan.**

**Matthan was the father of Jacob.**

**<sup>16</sup> Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.**

**<sup>17</sup> So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ.**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      “There’s Room for Every Story”

\*HYMN                      God of Every Generation

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.” Amen.

#### AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

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#### POSTLUDE