

Shalom United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Gathering to Worship God

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In the middle of dark times, our Lord cries out:

People: "Comfort, comfort my people!"

Leader: When it seems as all hope is lost

People: Our Lord speaks peace into our lives.

Leader: Lord, we await the time of comfort and peace!

People: Lord, we give thanks for your unfailing love for us. Amen.

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" On Screen
Lighting the Advent Wreath

Hearing God's Word

Special Music "Here I Am to Worship" Richard Thompson

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

Message "Crying Out" Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and Cup

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.

Going to Serve God

*Hymn "Joy to the World" On Screen

*Benediction

Closing Song "Shalom To You" On Screen

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Helpful information:

- To help protect our health and safety, masks are required in the church building. Please maintain appropriate social distance at all times. You can find hand sanitizer and extra masks on stand near the Sanctuary doors.
- **Children of all ages are welcome in worship!** Due to health and safety measures, we are currently not providing nursery care. We have activity bags for children available.
- **We are currently not “passing the plate”.** You can place your donation in the offering plate near the Sanctuary doors. You can give online by visiting: www.shalomumc.org/give
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- **You can use the QR Code** at the bottom of this page to fill out a connection card, give online, or visit our website.

Leading in Worship:

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Welcome to Shalom!

If you are new to this community of faith, we want to extend a warm welcome to today! If you've been around for years, we're glad to see you again. We've adjusted many of our practices during this time to help keep everyone safe and healthy – you can find some of that information on the back of the bulletin, on our website, or ask Pastor Peter if you have any questions. We hope that you are able to experience God's grace and feel God's presence here in this place as we worship and offer our praise to God.

Advent Series Info:

Advent is a season of excitement, anticipation, and joy. Sometimes we pay extra attention to the joy and skip right ahead to Christmas. But, even when we acknowledge that we aren't ready for what is coming, we hope for it. Advent can also help us to admit that we are not ready for Jesus' arrival, yet we know that it will happen. Jesus is coming. We need to get ready. But sometimes, we also have to wait. So, this year, with all of its ups and downs, don't be afraid to slow down and pay attention to Advent. Let this season of waiting and watching draw you in closer to see what God is doing every day.