**Sun. Nov. 27, 2022 (First Sunday of Advent)**

**Waldwick UMC Worship Service**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let’s go together to God’s mountain-

**P: a mountain of God’s glory and peace.**

L: Let’s prepare for Christ’s arrival-

**P: the birth of the prince of peace.**

L: Come, let’s worship the Spirit of love.

**P: Clothed in Christ’s love, we are ready to worship and pray. Amen!**

 **OPENING Hymn**  “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH 196

 (for listening the song, Click Here à https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29fVAI98HMY

OPENING PRAYER                                     In unison

**Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw neat to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ’s birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen!**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Reader One:** “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

**Reader Two:** We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

**Reader One:** “Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in Gods paths’” (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

**Reader Two:** We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.

 The pastoral PRAYER & The Lord’s prayer

1. **Pray for all the victims of gun violence.**

 **(at the Walmart in Virginia, LGBTQ club in Colorado)**

2. Pray for **Advent Season.**

3. Pray for those who are in nursing home or in homebound; **Rev. Betty Johnson, Betty Gregory, Mary Mooy, Roberta Lucy, and Charlotte & Gorden**

4. Pray for **Joan Mefford**, **Mefford family, Lisa & Janet Barthold, Ruth Livesey, Carol, Janet and Gene Rochat, Claudia and Hannah Nappi** for their health and full recovery.

5. Pray for **Laurie and her family** for God’s blessings.

6. Pray for **Dominic, his daughters’ family with grandkids** for God’s blessings.  And especially pray for Lauren and her son, Elijah for their safety and well beings.

7. Pray for **Sunday School & Youth ministry, and for revival of the church!**

 *We pray all of these in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who taught us to pray;*

***"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!***

Scripture lesson    **Isaiah 2:1-5**

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

**2**In the last days

the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established
    as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
    and all nations will stream to it.

**3**Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
    to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
    so that we may walk in his paths.”
The law will go out from Zion,
    the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
**4**He will judge between the nations
    and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
    and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
    nor will they train for war anymore.

**5**Come, descendants of Jacob,
    let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Hymn of preparation** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206

 (for listening the song, Click Here à https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ky66JNcUThw)

### Sermon  “Living in Light”       Rev. Eun Ok Cha

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doxology     “Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”    UMH 95

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMnevRoAz74>

 UMH #95 Lyrics (verse 1)

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Offertory prayer                                 In Unison

**Gracious God, as we bring our gifts to you, we bring much more than earthly treasure; we bring our very lives. Transform us through our giving, that we may grow ever closer to you. Help us share your peace and love with others as joyfully and generously, as you have shared your gifts with us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**CLOSING Hymn**   “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203

(for listening the song, Click Here à https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkMNO\_tEfx4

Benediction

Peace be with you,

 **and also with you.**

Go forth to bring peace to the world.

 **Amen!**