

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 20 December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting*: Let us magnify the Lord.

Let us rejoice in God our Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things for us:

Holy is God's name! (Luke 1)

Selected Carols

Opening Prayer*: O Mighty God, whose strong arm
does defend those who are your servants
**So fill us with joy and expectation
at the coming of your Son our Lord,
that we may for ever sing your greatness
to the ends of the earth;
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit**

Lighting of the Advent Candles**: FOURTH SUNDAY:
Isaiah 9:6-7

**We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,
make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**
(*Hope to Joy, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.*)

Response: 2090 (Verse 4 only) "Light the Advent Candle"

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 230 (Verse 4 only) "O Little Town
of Bethlehem"

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalter: 199 Luke 1:46b-55 "Canticle of Mary" (Magnificat)
(Response: **O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.** 234)

Second Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Hymn of Preparation: 215 "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "Impossible."

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith of the
United Church of Canada"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: 234 (Verse 4 only) "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Offering/Offertory

Doxology: 234 (Verse 3 only) "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving: 234 (*Verse 5 only*)
"O Come., All Ye Faithful"

The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 198 "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

Canticle of Wisdom: 112 (*Response 2*)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

Going Forth

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