**Welcome to Worship!**

**December 03, 2023**  **Advent 1B**

**Greeting and Call to Worship**

**Advent Candle of Peace Lighting #175 V. 1, 2** By Cynthia Smith and Barbara Stone, confirmation class of 1952 and longtime friends.

**Prelude** Hanging of the Ornaments

**\*Responsive Call to Worship based on psalm Ps 80: 1-7**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like

 a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine

 forth

 **People**: **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

 **Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

 Leader:  Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be

 saved.

**People:** **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with**

 **your people’s prayers?**

 Leader:  You have fed them with the bread of tears and given

 them tears to drink in full measure.

 **People: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our**

 **enemies laugh among themselves.**

 Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we

 may be saved.

 **Opening Hymn:**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **No. 154**

**\*Unison Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (debts)**

Lord, we thank you for the days that we have here, that we know not how many, but that they be lived with mercy, compassion, kindness, justice, and most of all love, that love which your Son gave us when he taught us to pray, saying..., O*ur 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.*

*Amen*

**\*Gloria Patri** **No. 734**

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ: And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**Choir Anthem**

**Reading of the Word** Mark 13:24-37

**Sermon** How Do We Know?

**Meditation Hymn:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" **No.** **191**

**Prayers of the People**

**Call For The Offering**

**Offertory**

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**\*Doxology** **No. 34**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "When We All Get to Heaven" **No. 525**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Please stand if you are able.

 

The liturgist is Glenn Bergeron.

The Greeters/Ushers this Sunday are Barbara and John Fletcher.

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***God calls us together to welcome all***

***and to serve God, each other, this community,***

***and the world***

***in the spirit of Christ’s love.***

 **All are welcome!** 