

December 5, 2010

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Listen! Listen for a messenger from God.

P: The way is being prepared for the coming of Christ.

L: We are here to listen for a word from God.

P: We have gathered to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

L: Come with your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears.

P: There is a place for you in the company of those who long for reason to hope.

L: We thank God for our acceptance in the church.

P: We rejoice to offer the love and peace of Christ to others.

TWO VOICES OF PEACE

Ian Mertz and Jim Carroll

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

The candles we light remind us that God is here with us to bless and encourage, and to bring hope and peace to every heart.

(Lighting of the Second Advent Candle)

May the peace of Christ be with us here today. Amen.

*HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City”

UMH No. 250

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Almighty God, help us prepare for your coming into our lives. In the midst of the busyness of Christmas preparations, give us peace that we might also prepare the way of the Lord. Give us clear sight to see among all of the lights and decorations the gift of renewal you offer to each of us. Most of all, we pray, give us hearts able to receive the gift of your Son, that we may become the loving, joyful, serving people you intend us to be. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.** MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *“Lead Me, Lord”*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

“Places, Everyone!”

Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH No. 261

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God’s love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

SERVICE OF THE LORD’S TABLE

UMH pg. 13

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **Gracious God, we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus into our hearts and our homes. Bless this time of waiting. Fill us with anticipation of your love. Make us watchful as we await the birth of our Savior. Prepare us to live as your forgiven people. Amen.**

*HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH No. 431

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Blest Be the Tie That Binds No. 557, v. 1*

*LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

* For those who are able, please stand