



**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2016**

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

GATHERING HYMNS

#211

#174

*Lo, how a rose
Bless'd be the God of Israel*

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Duane Graber and Joel Bollinger, Worship Leaders

One: On this second Sunday of Advent, we hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, proclaiming: Prepare the way of the Lord! Peace and justice are more than a dream. Division and oppression will give way to love and liberation. The wolf shall lie down with the lamb, those who are enemies will be reconciled, and those who fear one another will become family.

All: *Holy God, throughout the ages, you have sent prophets to stir us, to encourage us to repent, and to prepare the way for your kingdom. We light this second candle for all the prophets, peacemakers, and seekers of justice who have gone before us. Give us the courage to prepare the way, and then to boldly follow the path your Son sets before us. Amen.***

HYMN #15 SS

St. 1,2 solo

St. 5 congregation

Hope is a candle

Renee Reimer and Liberty Brigman

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sallie Page-Goertz and Tess Roman

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

*HYMN #183

On Jordan's bank

SERMON

The lion and lamb as one

ANTHEM

Joyful is the dark (see HWB #233 for text)***

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER #102 *When from the darkness* (see next page)

When from the darkness

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1 When from the dark - ness comes no light,
2 When in our con - fi - dence our fears
3 When in our love there is no care,

when from the weep-ing comes no laugh-ter; when in the day we
clutch at the heart and make us trem-ble; when in our joy we
and in our yearn-ing we are dull-ness; when what we know we

hope for night nor an - y com-fort com-ing
weep cold tears, and in our frank-ness we dis -
can - not dare, and we are noth-ing that is

af - ter: grant us your peace.
sem - ble: grant us your light.
ful - ness: grant us your truth.

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Music: Colin Mawby, *New Catholic Hymnal*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN #176

Comfort, comfort, O my people



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship. 6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.

*SENDING FORTH

One: God of faithfulness and truth, you sent your servant John the Baptist to preach in the desert and summon the people to new life.

All: *Make us and all things new, that in the wilderness we too may prepare a way over which your Son may walk. AMEN.*

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

**Prayer adapted from Rev. Carrie Ballenger Smith, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem

***The accompaniment for today's choir anthem was created by Dr. Paul Rudy, Curators' Distinguished Professor of Music Composition at UMKC. Paul was inspired by this hymn text to create a 20-minute sound meditation called *Midnight Plumage: Advent/Winter Solstice*, from which this accompaniment is taken.

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