



No you see what I see!
ADVENT 2022

Artwork by Kelly Latimore, used with permission.

Advent 2
December 4, 2022

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Candlelighter: Leroy Seat

Leaders: We light this candle for peace; peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes, peace in our world.

Response: May the light of peace shine through our lives.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

David Stewart, worship leader

*HYMN VT 212

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Naomi Wiebe
MCC Bucket Blessing

SCRIPTURE

Esther 4:1-17

ANTHEM

For Such a Time as This

Johnson

TEACHING

Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 209

We Dream of a Turning

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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

VT 228 *Wait for the Lord* repeat as directed

Polly Carlson, soloist

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 215

Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

About our Advent visual: the image at the front of the sanctuary is the first photo taken by the Webb telescope. It's mission: "The James Webb Space Telescope will find the first galaxies that formed in the early universe and peer through dusty clouds to see stars forming planetary systems." This telescope will provide new ways of looking and seeing for many years to come.

The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

New this year: the wooden nativity set in the Wesley Room was purchased in memory of George Houghton.

Anthem text: *For Such a Time As This* Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: Ralph M. Johnson

For such a time as this,
For times of drought and shallowness,
Of wild and dusty wilderness,
Plant us deep in wonder, God,
Humble in your holy world.

In wonder planted deep,
In marvel at creation's play,
At starlit night and sunlit day,
Root us well in gratitude,
Awestruck by beatitude.

By thankful wonder fed,
Like oak trees reaching high and broad,
And rooted fast in you, O God,
Grow us in compassion full,
Christ, firstfruit of us all.

Compassion green and bless
Our lives to rampant fruitfulness,
For crying out at wickedness:
May we fruits of justice bear
Harvest of your love and care.

May all our lives bear fruit,
Not from our will, nought to us due,
But all our fruitfulness from you:
Hearts of justice, hearts of peace,
Just for such a time as this.

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

1444 Southwest Boulevard
Kansas City, KS 66103
(913) 236-8820

Office hours: M-W 9am-4pm Th-F 9am-1pm
www.rainbowmennonite.org

Pastor: Ruth Harder (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org) Day off is Friday
Minister of Worship and Music: Roseann Penner Kaufman (rpkaufman@rainbowmennonite.org)
Director of Faith Formation and Congregational Life: Sarah Neher (sarah@rainbowmennonite.org)
Church Administrator: Sarah Unruh (office@rainbowmennonite.org)
Maintenance Facilitator: David Coffman (maintenance@rainbowmennonite.org)