

ONLINE Worship Resources for December 6, 2020

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, and a celebration of Communion! Please prepare your elements for Communion before viewing the service. If you have an Advent Wreath, have it nearby to light during worship. Blessings as we open our hearts to the Christ who comes! *Pastor Betsy*

Welcome

Opening Song "Lift Up Your Heads"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here; Life and salvation doth He bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing: We praise Thee, Father, now! Creator, wise art Thou!

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal. Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, Until our glorious goal be won! Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy Name.

Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle

Prayer

O God, may we seek hope in these days, as the Child of Bethlehem enters our hearts.

Help us to make room in the living of our days for hope and vision,

as you make room for us in your coming realm. Amen

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 40: 1-11 Mark 1: 1-8

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Advent Communion

Call to the Table
Communion Prayer
Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup
Sharing the Meal
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, thank you for nourishing us as we look to the coming of our Savior.

Strengthen us for the journey, open our eyes to the promise. Amen

Closing Song "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Benediction

Threefold Amen