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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE  *“Adeste Fideles”* – Taylor

*“In Dulci Jubilo”* - Dupré

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Barge Family

Leader: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our

Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our

hope of salvation.

**People: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

\*HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 464*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Out of the darkness we rarely see Your light. In our blindness we grope for anything that the world may offer us. God of hope and promise, forgive us for not trusting in Your provision. Loving Lord, with a steady hand You lead us through all of life’s trials. Thank You. Forgive us for believing the stories that we hear which do not correspond to Your truth. We pray this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

*handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“The First Noel”*

**The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;**

**In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,**

**On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell. Born is the King of Israel.**

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Terri Reiner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 11:2-6 (NT p11)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 35:1-7 (OT p663)*

SERMON  *“A Word Out of Place”* Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN  *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* *No. 276*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” – Basque Carol* Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* *No. 23*

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;**

**Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

\*POSTLUDE  *“In Dulci Jubilo”* – J.S. Bach

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

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\*Praise & Worship

*Born Is the King*

*Here I Am to Worship*

*What Child Is This*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: Terri Reiner

Scripture Reading:

*Matthew 11:2-6; Isaiah 35:1-7*

Sermon  *“A Word Out of Place”*

\*Closing Song

*Joy To The World*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes:

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