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December 4, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~ 10:00 a.m.
PRELUDE "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 645 - J.S. Bach

THE BELL – SILENCE

POEM "Love Comes Running" by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC. | sanctifiedart.org

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: *PEACE* - Davis Family

One: Last week we asked everyone to provide an answer to this question:
What are you afraid of? Here is what you said.

Read answers...

One: When we are afraid, love comes running. God meets us in our fear. We light the candle of peace to remind ourselves that God is always bringing good news of love and compassion, justice and community. To us and through us.

Many: From generation to generation, this brings us peace.

*SONG "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" [page 5](#)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE email requests to: prayer@missionhillsucc.org

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC. | sanctifiedart.org

We believe in a God who knows our fears.

We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."

**We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes
and wades into the muck of our lives with us.**

**We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels,
and invites us to dance.**

**We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky
so that we can find our way home,
and who sends us friends with open doors,
so we can find our way to love.**

**We believe in a God who finds us in our fear
and does not leave us alone.**

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

"Be Not Afraid"

Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you



shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in



safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall



speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-



stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways.



Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2




2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the



sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,



you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the



pow'r of hell and death is at your side,



know that I am with you through it all. **D.S.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSE

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

While we are wait - ing, come;

while we are wait - ing, come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 11:1-10 ([click here to follow along](#))

*THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38 ([click here to follow along](#))

SERMON "God Meets Us in Our Fear"

RESPONSE "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" - Section Leaders

COMMUNITY BUILDING – Announcements

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK "What brings you joy?"

FAITH IN ACTION El Nido

OUR OFFERING OF GRATITUDE [give here](#)

OFFERTORY "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" setting by Mark Hayes

RESPONSE "Canticle of the Turning" verses 1,3-4 [page 6](#)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

*AFFIRMATION "The Trees of the Field" [page 7](#)

POSTLUDE "Noel Suisse" - Louis-Claude Daquin

**indicates all who are able, please stand*

Welcome to all worshipping with us today. If you are new to Mission Hills UCC, we invite you to fill out the blue card in the pew so we can get to know you and share more about our ministries and community life. We are a church that welcomes families with children in every aspect of our common life. During worship, child care services are available in the church nursery for those under three years of age. Baby changing tables are available in the unisex bathrooms.

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Trevor Norkowski
Jenny Yun
Elizabeth Quiñones
Carlos Wilson & Gloria Schacht
Gloria Schacht & Jianna Ruiz
Sandy Medina

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
 O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer our
 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and
 O come, De - sire of Na - tions, bind all
 ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That
 spir - its by our ad - vent here; Love
 or - der all things far and nigh; To
 peo - ples in one heart and mind; Make
 mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 stir with - in the womb of night, and
 us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; fill
 til the Child of God ap - pear.
 death's own shad - ows put to flight.
 help us in that way to go.
 the whole world with heav - ens's peace.
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall
 come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin Hymn trans John M. Neale, Henry S. Coffin
 Tune "VENI IMMANUEL" 15th century French processional

"Canticle of the Turning"



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.

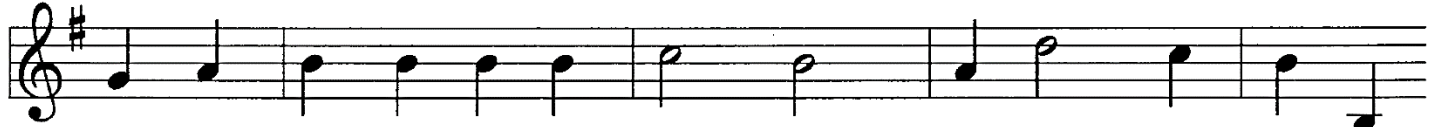


Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

"The Trees of the Field"



You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,



and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.



There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field



will clap, will clap their hands.



And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ♪ ♪



The trees of the field will clap their hands. ♪ ♪



The trees of the field will clap their hands, ♪ ♪



while you go out with joy.

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December 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 12pm - Lunch and 1pm - Christmas Carol 6:15pm - Chime Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - | 10am - Knitting 2 Give - 5:45pm - Al-anon Group - | 7am - JIT Christmas |
| 4 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Rethinking Our 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship Hour | 5 3:15pm - CSCT Rehearsal | 6 9am - Diabetes Class 2pm - Grief Group, MH | 7 6:45pm - Ministry | 8 12pm - Lunch and 1pm - Christmas Carol 6:15pm - Chime Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - | 9 5:45pm - Al-anon Group - | 10 10am - Angel Tree Party |
| 11 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Rethinking Our 10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship Hour | 12 | 13 9am - Diabetes Class 2pm - Grief Group, 3pm - Special Delivery | 14 | 15 12pm - Lunch and 1pm - Christmas Carol 2pm - Knitting 2 Give - 6:15pm - Chime Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - | 16 5:45pm - Al-anon Group - | 17 |
| 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Rethinking Our 10am - Worship - 11am - Fellowship Hour 4pm - Candlelight | 19 6pm - Blue Christmas | 20 PC Articles Due 9am - Diabetes Class 10:30am - Feeding | 21 6:30pm - Church Council | 22 12pm - Lunch and 6:15pm - Chime Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - | 23 5:45pm - Al-anon Group - | 24 Christmas Eve 4pm - Christmas Eve 10pm - Christmas Eve |
| 25 Christmas Day 8:30am - Rethinking Our 10am - Worship - 11am - Fellowship Hour | 26 Christmas Day Office Closed for | 27 9am - Diabetes Class | 28 | 29 Wedding - Church & 12pm - Lunch and 6:30pm - Storefront | 30 Office Closed 5:45pm - Al-anon Group - | 31 New Year's Eve |

For all events, visit our online calendar
<https://missionhillssucc.org/calendar-of-events/>