

# *Fruitland and Payette United Methodist Churches*

*November 29, 2020*

*First Sunday of Advent*

Prelude                      *Praise and Thanksgiving*                      G. F. Handel  
Welcome and Announcements

*Welcoming the Light of Christ – please light a candle*

Interlude                      *Pastorale*                      J. S. Bach  
Ringing the Church Bell

Call to Worship:

Responsive Reading                      Isaiah 40:28-31

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: **He will not grow weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

People: **Even young people grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;**

All: **But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

Chorus                      *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*                      UMH #204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.**

Unison Invocation

**Almighty God, who came to us long ago in the birth of Jesus  
of Nazareth, “descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and  
enter in, be born in us today.”**

**We ask only for grace and strength  
to live as your faithful, joyful children  
as we follow your Son  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH #196

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your 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.**

Prayers of the People

Message

“Things We Did Not Expect”

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Hymn

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

**Joy to the world, the Lord has come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

Benediction

**May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you  
wherever he may send you.**

**May he guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.**

**May he bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders he has shown you.**

**May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

Postlude

*Give Thanks*

Henry Smith

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