

# *Fruitland and Payette United Methodist Churches*

*December 6, 2020*

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

Prelude *Away in a Manger* Anonymous

Welcome and Announcements

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

Interlude *The First Noel* Traditional English Melody

*Inviting the neighborhood to worship*

Call to Worship:

Responsive Reading Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants.

People: **Surely his salvation is near those who fear him that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: **Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven;**

All: **The Lord will indeed give what is good. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.**

Chorus *While we are Waiting* UMH #204

**While we are waiting, come.  
While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.**

Unison Invocation

**O God our Father, who sent your Son to be King of kings and  
Lord of lords; we pray that all the kingdoms of this world may  
become His kingdom  
and learn from him the way of peace and grace.  
Envelope our world with compassion  
And a desire for what is good for all people.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Hymn

*O Come, all ye Faithful*

UMH #234

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.**

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

Message

“A Highway for our God”

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Communion Service

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of  
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

Communion Hymn    *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*    UMH #196

**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.**

Our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
Who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace  
with one another.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with  
our whole heart.**

**Our faith has been tested and we have stumbled.  
Our feet have strayed from the path of Christ and we have  
wandered from you.**

**We have put our faith in the loud voices of this world,  
ignoring your whispers.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**We do want to follow Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we  
pray.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news;

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's  
love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

Bread and Cup

Please take the bread.

Please take the cup.

Please pray:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."  
Strengthen us in mind, body and soul for the days ahead.  
May your Spirit fill us as we live and pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

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

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* arr. Gilbert Martin

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