

**EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**                      **ADVENT 3, DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**Welcome**

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Centering Prayer**

**Prelude and Bringing in the Light**

**Call to Worship**

A voice calls out in the wilderness.

**It sings of a home for all. It speaks of justice and peace.**

We could choose to ignore it.

**We could drown out that song. We could choose not to listen.**

Instead, we come into this space.

**We let the world grow quiet. We listen.**

A voice calls out in the wilderness. Do you hear it?

**We hear it. In listening, we worship.**

**Let us draw near to God.**

**Opening hymn**

*Shout to the Lord*

#2074

**Light the Advent Candles**

**Our Response**

*to tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #626*

As we light the candle of joy,

We await the Christ yet to come.

Finding joy in our creator,

Led by a Spirit that roams,

Christ come to us, upon our earth do dwell,

May we carry joy close to home.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Music for the Heart**

Lincoln Bartley

**Scripture and Reflection**

Pastor Alaire

**Hymn of Response**

*A Home for All*

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## Call to Offering

### Prayer of Dedication

God who welcomes us home, who creates space, who leaves a chair with our name on it—we have two coats and we are giving one away. That’s what our offering is. It’s our second coat. It’s our hearts on our sleeves. It’s our audacious hope that there can indeed be a better world than this one. So take our gifts and use them to move us closer to that promised day. Gratefully we pray together as Jesus taught....LORD’S PRAYER Amen.

### Reception of Members

Mike, Angie and Alecia Anderson

## SENT INTO GOD’S WORLD

### How We Can Serve

### Benediction

As you leave *this* service, *your* service begins:

Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary.

Be brave enough to go home by another way.

And remember that here in God’s house, all are welcomed—so come back soon. In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son— go in peace.

### Our Response as We are Sent

*Sanctuary*

*#2164*

### Postlude

✠✠✠ *We follow the Light of Christ into the World* ✠✠✠

### Coming up...

We continue to beautify our sanctuary with poinsettias. If you’d like to add one, call greenhouse directly this week.

Next Sunday, December 19, we will celebrate the baptism of Gwendolyn Helmick.

Tuesday, December 21, 6pm. We worship together on the Longest Night. This is a quiet service, a time to reflect in this season of Advent on loss, grief, and life changes. It will also be on Facebook, so let other know as well.

Family Christmas Eve service, 6pm on December 24<sup>th</sup> will be a time of the story, carols and candles (glow bracelets for the younger ones).

There will be worship at 10am, Sunday, December 26. Plan to come and sing the carols and hear the Scripture we love so much.