

Order of Worship Service, December 6, 2020 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

People, Look East (BESANÇON) Paul Taylor

A CALL TO LIVE IN KAIROS TIME

You break into our daily life.
Make hearts humble.
You lay souls bare.
You break in.
When defenses are down.
With an Angel's shout.
Or the quietest sound.
You break in— and we change.
And all things change.
When you break in.
Kairos time!

HYMN: #105 Glory to God

People, Look East

CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

We need light.
The days are becoming awfully short.
The chill in the air catches our breath.
The ground is barren and the landscape bleak.
We need light.
Solstice fires and yule logs,
O' Tannenbaum! Midnight candlelight
All testaments to our felt need.
We need light.

Mary and Joseph and the Baby,
Shepherds awakening!
A rising star to follow!
Stories bearing witness to our yearning.

We need light.
A light shines in the darkness...
and the darkness did not, will not
has not, cannot
overcome
or comprehend
the light we now need.

—'adapted from Liturgy Outside the Box

Sung Response

#95 Glory to God

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Bible readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8

SUNG RESPONSE TO BIBLE READINGS

#2089

Sing the Faith

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Message SCOTT

Wilderness Will Change You!

Anthem

Out of the Wintry Gloom—Richard Shephard

WELCOME

Intercessory Prayer SCOTT—with comments by people on FB **DEANNA** will read these in spaces of silence)...conclude with the Lord's Prayer and Sung Response.....

SUNG RESPONSE

#2090 Sing the Faith

Advent Song (stanzas 1 and 2)

OFFERTORY

Christmas Lullaby—H. Sophie Adams, sung by Neal Long, tenor

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, guide us and enable us
to follow in the footsteps

of all the saints who have ever lived
that we too may be found
in those places of danger, division, discord and sorrow
where love is so desperately needed
but often painfully absent.
Let us hear and feel anew
the words of the freedom song
calling us in, to faith commitment
in community with our fellow disciples of Jesus Christ,
saying, “Walk together children! Don’t get weary.”
Let us not be afraid to dedicate our lives, our work, our material things
to the vision of prophets, ancient and contemporary.
Instead let us be joyful.
Let us not be discouraged
Instead, let us be encouraged
to become more free than we have ever been before.
Amen

#100 Glory to God My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Blessing

SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#88 Glory to God O Come, O Come Emmanuel (stanzas 1,7)

Postlude

Variations on a French Noel — Louis Claude Daquin arr. David Sarandon