



**LOVE FIRST  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE  
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

December 19, 2021 + Fourth Sunday of Advent + 10:00 AM

**Bolded text** - said in unison by all

**UMH** - United Methodist Hymnal

**TFWS** - The Faith We Sing

*\* If able, please stand where indicated.*

**CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**Prelude**

*“The Journey To Bethlehem” - James Mansfield*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, joy, lighten our spirits.

**People: Come, hope, lift us from despair.**

Leader: Come, peace, ease our frantic worry.

**People: Come, love, shine in all we do.**

Leader: Come, Jesus, be born in us.

**People: Come, Lord, set us free.**

Leader: Come, God,

All: Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy! Amen

### **\*Opening Hymn**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vs 1,2)*

UMH 216

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloominG from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Lord our God, you have revealed yourself as One who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; In a world that looks away from injustice, You cast your eyes on the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; You have called us to follow you, to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release for the captives and recovery of sight for the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed and to proclaim the time of your blessing.

People: Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

People: Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

Eliza Lopez Family

Reader: On the Fourth Sunday we lit the candle of Joy.

(Lighting the fourth candle)

Reader: Let us remember God's love and God's greatness and care. God sent Jesus to us to help us know that God is loving and just. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

People: Amen.

### Advent Song

*Light the Advent Candle (vs. 4)*

TFWS 2090

Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy forevermore;  
Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light

### Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair & Verona).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

### Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

### Responsive Hymn

*We Walk by Faith (v.1)*

TFWS 2196

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear of him  
who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

## **CALLED TO THE WORD**

### \*Psalter Reading

Psalm 80:1-7

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

People: **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

People: **You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

All: **Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

### Hymn of Illumination

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.4)*

UMH 211

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
Before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples of thy mercy call.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

**Sermon**

"Love"

**Pastor ChangYong Shin****\*Passing the Peace of Christ****CALLED TO SHARE****Offering****\*Doxology***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication****CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD****\*Closing Hymn***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates(vs. 1,3,4)*

UMH 213

**1.** Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates: behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near, the Saviour of the world is here.

**3.** Redeemer, come! with us abide; our heart to thee;  
we open wide; let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

**4.** Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

**\*Sending Forth**

**\*Circle of Blessing**

*Shalom to You*

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude**

*"Lift Up Your Heads!" - Lani Smith*

**Next Sunday Worship Team**

Preacher : ChangYong shin

Ushers : Joe & Vidal

Counters: Robert & Jasper

Liturgist : Hilda Taylor

Acolyte : Joe Myers

Reader : David Winful

Children's Message: Leslie Lester