

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**December
4th,
2022**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Let us pray for forgiveness.

P: Brothers and sisters we know that we are unworthy to stoop down before our Lord.

C: We know we have sinned before God.

P: But we give thanks this Advent season that Christ came to save us and offer to us eternal life.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus #79

**Come Thou Long-expected
Jesus**

**Born to set Thy 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

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Forgive us and set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are set free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

Second Sunday of Advent

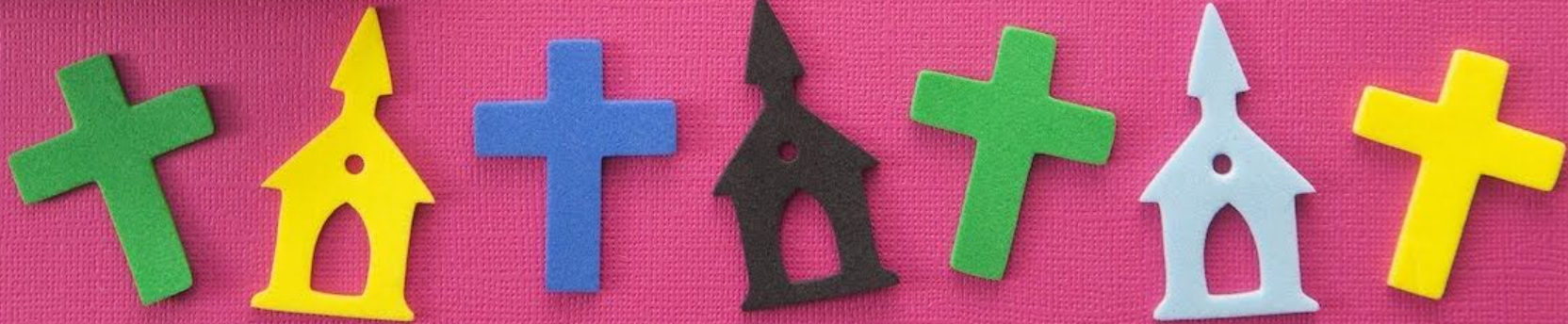




Welcome
So glad you're here...

Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Scripture Readings Mark 3: 1 – 6

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

THE SERMON



Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

#76

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals
of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for
heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer
and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us
abide;

our hearts to thee we open
wide;

let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Cares Chorus

*I cast all of my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And any time I don't know what to do,
I will cast all of my cares upon you.*



Let us Break Bread Together #210

Let us break bread together on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees with my
face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of

Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the

Bread and Cup



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for refreshing us at Christ's table. May our minds be renewed through our participation at your Holy Supper. Amen.

Invitation

Offertory Music

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

**God of abundance, you have set before us
a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your
goodness, strengthen us to labor in your
field, and equip us to bear fruit for the
good of all, in the name of
Jesus. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER


Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers #87

Rejoice, rejoice, believers!
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon he will draw nigh;
Up! pray, and watch, and wrestle!
At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;
Replenish them with oil;
And wait for your salvation,
The end of earthly toil.

The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near,
Go meet him as he cometh,
With alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption,
That brings us unto thee.

A close-up photograph of an olive branch with several green olives and one dark olive. The branch is positioned diagonally across the upper left portion of the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise scene with warm orange and yellow light transitioning into a blueish-purple sky. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*Benediction
& Blessing*