

December 13, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist #1: A voice cries in the wilderness, and we find ourselves drawn to the message.

Liturgist #2: God invades the commonplace, and we cannot evade the changes God brings.

Liturgist #1: On every hand our values are challenged as attention is drawn to the lowly and weak.

Liturgist #2: We are not worthy to untie the sandals of the Humble Servant, who loved all people.

Liturgist #1: Draw near to join those who rejoice in a God who comforts and confronts.

Liturgist #2: We come to proclaim the worth of God, and to claim the worth God invests in us.

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Ed & Rita Larsen and their grandchildren

Hymn (Instrumental)

Confession of Sin

Grant us the courage, O God, to admit to you that which we try to hide from ourselves. You have made us rich and we use your goodness as an excuse for false pride. You have built up and we have torn down. You have created and we have destroyed. We call on you for mercy, here and now. Remove the distortions from our vision and the lethargy from our service. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) "O Come All Ye Faithful" – performed virtually by members of the First Choir

Epistle Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Gospel Lesson – John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Hymn (Instrumental)

Benediction

Postlude