

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ December 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent
The Candle of Peace

PRELUDE *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Jay Rouse

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Prewer)

Mighty God, how many times have you come to us unwelcomed? How often have you visited, yet we have been too busy to notice? How often have you spoken yet we have been too full of ourselves to hear your life-giving words? Lord, please change all our insensitive habits and help us to do better during this Advent season. Please forgive us. Make us so sensitive to your immediate presence in the ups and downs of each ordinary day that we will be well prepared to welcome you in the one in need, in the stranger, and in the enemy. We ask expectantly in the name of Jesus, our Savior...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING (Hackenberg)

Pastor: We are waiting for LOVE without end, without condition, without violence, without fear.

Ministers: We are waiting for JUSTICE without end, without vengeance, without hatred, without lies.

Pastor: We are waiting for PEACE without end, without displacement, without war.

Ministers: We are waiting for RESTORATION without end, without favoritism, without fatigue, without debt.

Pastor: We are waiting for JOY without end, without reservation without rebuke, without want.

Ministers: God of Peace, Holy Love, Divine Justice, Restoration and Joy: We are waiting for YOU. We need YOU.

*PRAISE RESPONSE

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

*THE KOREAN CREED NO. 884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We

believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel (2x)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bristol

Malcom Archer

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 214

Savior of the Nations, Come

MESSAGE

Do You Have Room?

Matthew 1:18

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*HYMN No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

People Look East

Kristine Langlois

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand