

Fourth  
Sunday  
in Advent



**PRELUDE**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn arr. M. Sedio  
People, Look East! arr. R. Roberts-Raybold

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ADVENT INTROIT**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace O-SO-SO

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#160 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn  
REJOICE, REJOICE

**\*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God,  
In this time of Advent waiting,  
we confess that we live in darkness, often by choice.  
We find it easier to live in fear than to boldly hope.  
We doubt your faithfulness.  
Our imaginations fail to grasp  
the full extent of your love and grace.  
We busy ourselves with Christmas preparations,  
fill our time with distractions,  
and lose sight of the message  
at the heart of your Advent story.  
God of love, Creator and Redeemer,  
fill our hearts with wonder and hope.  
Help us to recognize, and proclaim your presence  
in this hurting world.  
Remind us that there is light in the darkness.  
(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** R. Goodson  
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.

**ANTHEM**

The Yearning C. Courtney

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Love)  
#178 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (before & after lighting)**

Today we light 4 candles!  
The candle of hope, the candle of peace,  
The pink candle of joy, and the candle of love.  
During Advent, we wait for the One promised in God's great  
story of love.

**And he is named Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the One who knows our deepest thoughts,  
and abides with us in the midst of all our needs.

**And he is named Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the One who loves us unconditionally,  
Who names us as "beloved."

**And he is named Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the One whose grace and mercy  
knows no bounds.

**And he is named Everlasting Father.**

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE**

#161 People, Look East BESANÇON

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#170 My Soul Proclaims with Wonder WALNUT

**SECOND READING**

Luke 1:5-25  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON** "The God of Rummage Sales and New Things"  
Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Chant and Meditation on VENI EMMANUEL J. A. Behnke

**\*Offertory Response**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!  
**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**\*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#189 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Advent Benediction**

Blessing Dengler & Dengler

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

**\*POSTLUDE**

Tocatta on VENI EMMANUEL J. A. Behnke

\*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing - Naomi Mahaffy; Prayers of the People - Rev. Colin Ward

Reading - Pam Beavan

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

*Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from  
ONE LICENSE, License #A-625688. All rights reserved.*