

December 19th, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Emmanuel, Emmanuel #204

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem** #230

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** #2090 (vs 4)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The time is very near! How quickly it has come upon us!

P: We are breathless. Still so much to be done.

L: Blessed is tiny Bethlehem, from which shall come the ruler of Israel.

P: Blessed is Mary, who believed in God's word.

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed is God, who gives us the gift of love.

L: Believe in the good news!

P: We believe and rejoice! God's love is here with us!

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of all love, our hearts await your coming. Make your way within us, we pray, as we offer to you our prayers and songs and promises. In these sacred moments may we be nourished by your life-giving love. We offer ourselves to you in hope and expectation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

Luke 1:39-45

***HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** #206

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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 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, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: Love Came Down at Christmas** #242

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: What Child is This?

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
