

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 • 10:55 AM

TOWER BELLS

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

WELCOME STATEMENT

Jim Coble

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

PRELUDE

Fred Mason, Organist

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

J. Brahms

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Lauren Brown, Sarah Rodrigues, Jen Denis Hill, Jim Coble

SUNG RESPONSE | REFRAIN FROM O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall Come to Thee O Israel.**

*OPENING HYMN

UMH (red) 209 | Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

** Please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastoral Intern, Katie Diaz

God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”

You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”

You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”

God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There’s room for every story. Amen.

silence for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Lauren Brown

CHILDREN’S TIME

Jen Denis-Hill

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Mick Raynor

**God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us — old, young,
native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. Just as you walked with
them, help us to remember all the ways that you walk with us.**

We are listening.

We are grateful.

We are yours.

Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON | MATTHEW 1: 1-17 NRSV

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Intern, Katie Diaz

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.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

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*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastoral Intern, Katie Diaz

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 196 | Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Toccata-Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

E.L. Goode

Advent Theme: From Generation to Generation - *Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in- to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone. Yes, the work of God is always unfolding- from generation to generation! This Advent, may you remember that you belong to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, and to a love that won't let you go.*

Live Stream This worship service is being live streamed.

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Fidget baskets are located on either side of the altar rail and in the narthex. These are offered for children and adults who learn best when their hands or bodies are moving or who can listen more attentively when their other senses are engaged. Feel free to use a fidget or two at any point during worship and then return them to the basket at the end of service. Additionally there is **“Pray Ground”** space in front of the pews on the right side of the sanctuary. This is space in the sanctuary for our worshippers of all ages and stages. Feel free to let your child play in this space as they participate in worship.

New? Tell Us More | We value building relationships across lines of difference, shared hobbies, passions, talents, and seasons of life. We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building. We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service.

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