

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday in Advent

Living into a More Beloved Community
Through *God's Agape Love!*

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. I John 4:7,8

**Indicates the congregation stand if able*

Invitation to a time of centering

Matthias Krier

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chuck Kestle

Welcoming the Christ Light

Lighting the Advent Candle: The Candle of Love

Sharon Smith & Fred Crase

***Opening Hymn # 202**

People Look East

Advent Litany Prayer

Lord make Me an instrument of Your peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine master grant that I may

Not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved. as to love

For it's in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Young Theologians

Jill Graff

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Morning Prayer

Chuck Kestle

Choir Anthem

Love - "The Rose E're Blooming

(Incorporating 'Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming' and 'What Child Is This?')"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn # 2164 TFWS

Sanctuary

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Doxology # 94

*Offertory Prayer

Background to Scripture

Matthias Krier

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:46b-55 (via video)

Message

Transforming Power of Love

Hymn of Preparation # 2145 TFWS I've Got Peace Like A River

Holy Communion

*United Methodists practice "open communion"
where everyone is welcome to receive. Everyone!*

*Hymn of Benediction # 242

Love Came Down at Christmas

Benediction

Postlude (please enjoy the videos until an usher invites you)

Love Reaches Out (video)

Song of the Magnificat (video)