

Order of Worship: Sunday, December 17, 2023
9:30 AM Service of Worship
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor
Prelude	<i>Partita on 'People Look East'</i>	J. Bertolozzi
Lighting of the Candles		Acolytes
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Matt, Jennifer, Hannah, and Logan Hauer and Congregation	
Responsive Litany	"The Wonder of the Season"	J. Raney
	During Advent we listen for the wonder of God's Word.	
	Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.	
	During Advent we reach beyond the noise and distractions of this world.	
	Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.	
	During Advent we ponder the good news that is our great joy.	
	Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.	
	During Advent we speak words of hope to those engaged in life's struggles.	
	Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.	
	During Advent we offer words of peace to those overcome by life's fears.	
	Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.	
	Candle Lighting	
	Prayer	
Opening Hymn	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	UMH 218, stanzas 1 and 4
Children's Christmas Pageant		Charlotte Doessler, Narrator
Passing of the Peace		
Missions Moment	United Methodist Children's Home	Janet Clark
Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Rokitowski
Anthem	<i>Angels are Making Their Rounds</i>	P. Choplin Covenant Chancel Choir
The Offering		
Offering Prayer		Rev. Rokitowski
Offertory	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	arr. G. Sewell
Doxology		UMH 95
Scripture	Luke 2:1-6	Matthew Swanson
Sermon	"Advent and Improvisation: A Venue Change"	Rev. Becky Rokitowski
Closing Hymn	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	UMH 204
Sending Forth		Rev. Rokitowski

Postlude

Toccata on 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

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