

GATHERING

HYMNFEST

Call out your favorite worship songs, and we'll sing them together.

MUSIC MEDITATION

WELCOME

WORD

+OPENING PSALM I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let's go up to the Lord's house!" Now our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem! Jerusalem is built like a city joined together in unity. That is where the tribes go up the Lord's tribes! It is the law for Israel to give thanks there to the Lord's name, because the thrones of justice are therethe thrones of the house of David! Pray that Jerusalem has peace: "Let those who love you have rest. Let there be peace on your walls; let there be rest on your fortifications." For the sake of my family and friends, I say, "Peace be with you, Jerusalem." For the sake of the Lord our God's house I will pray for your good.

+HYMN

UMH 196

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!

We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths'

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

(UMDM)

Prepare the Way CANDLE SONG Refrain: Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord. Fear leads us into the darkness of thinking that nothing can change, but God leads us out to a bright new acceptance of hope. Refrain HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5 GREEK SCRIPTURE Romans 13:11-14 SERMON Up to Restoration Rev. Dr. David King RESPONSE +HYMN Star-Child 2095

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. O save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of peace and justice, in the past year we have once again witnessed the fruits of war: lives cut short, children made orphans, homes devastated, and hearts broken. We pray to see the day that Isaiah saw in his heart, when swords are pounded into plowshares. These gifts we give, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace and for the reign of your son. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

(UMDM)

SENDING

+HYMN

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+BENEDICTION

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve God and neighbor in everything that you do. We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations for Christmas Baskets can be made to FGUMC—Christmas Baskets. Distribution on December 10th. Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Bede's, November 27th at 7pm. Ken Bond Memorial, Saturday, December 3rd at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall

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Up to Restoration



The First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 27th, 2022

> Focus Scripture: Isaiah 2:1–5