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Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to the king and said, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But when the king refused, God would not be

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God of hope and promise: when the children were in deep despair, you promised them a sign, the indication of a Savior coming into their midst. As we bring you our tithes and offerings this day, so many of us are discouraged, trying to find our way. We need your sign, we need your Son, not as simply a reminder of history but as a new direction, a revolution of love that starts in our hearts, a resurrection of compassion that looks beyond self and the accumulation of more and more things that don't satisfy. We need what only a Savior can give us. Guide us by your signs on this day and as we begin the journey to Bethlehem once again. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

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SENDING

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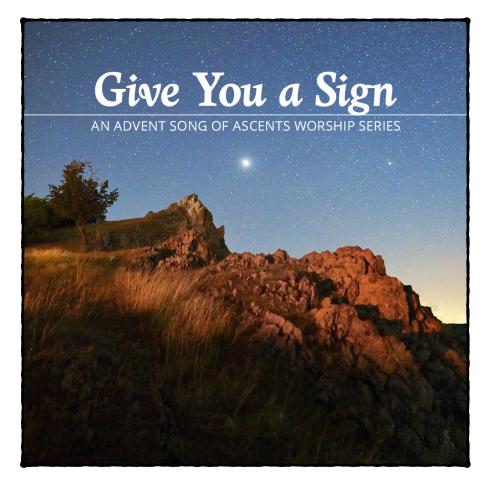
Go in peace and serve God and neighbor in everything that you do. We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons and Carols, December 24th, 7pm Christmas Day Worship, 10am. No Early Church.

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 18th, 2022

Focus Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10–16, Matthew 1:18–25