



## Henrietta United Church of Christ

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## Order of Worship

10:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Greens

November 27, 2022

### WELCOME TO THE HENRIETTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

- **Masking is currently optional at HUCC.** If you are more comfortable masking, please feel free to do so. We ask anyone with any symptoms of illness to consider the safety of your neighbors and stay masked.
- **Nursery care** is provided for children four and under in the nursery. There are also rockers in the back of the sanctuary, should you need to rock a little one. More information is on the **Welcome Cards** in the pew racks.
- **This month's mission**, sponsored by the Boards of Outreach is the Coffee Connection, which empowers women recovering from addiction, trauma, or incarceration. Welcome Backpacks continue to be collected for refugee families, through Church World Service. Supplies may be placed in the Red Wagon or in the shopping cart in the narthex. Monetary gifts will help us fill the backpacks.
- Please give any **written prayer requests** to the Ushers/Deacons when they bring forward today's offering.
- **Please remember to silence your cell phone** as we gather to worship.
- The **asterisk\*** indicates to rise in body or in spirit.

### WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC FOR ADVENT (*unison*)

Bob Bower, Cantor

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and hand and voice!  
Advent HOPE will pave the way, as we watch and wait and pray.  
Hear and share the news so bold: our God will come, just as foretold!  
Hope will pave the way, hope will pave the way!

Words: German and Latin, 14th century; adapted by Martha Koenig Stone, © 2016. Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO, German melody, 14th century.  
Harm: adapt. from John Stainer, 1871.

WELCOME!

Pastor Martha

## **WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE**

### **\*+CALL TO WORSHIP** (*one / many*)

We come from a world of darkness, **Into Christ's world of light.**  
We come from a world of weariness, **Into God's strength and hope.**  
We come from a slumbering world. **Awakened by the Spirit's touch.**  
Let us watch in hope for the coming of Christ!

### **\*OPENING HYMN** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low:  
make straight all the crooked places where Emmanuel may go!  
O Zion, who offers good tidings, to the height of the mountains dare!  
Lift your voice to the cities of Judah: "Behold your God!" declare.  
Like the flowers of the field we perish, our human works decay,  
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.  
But the word of our God is forever, our Defender's will is strong;  
God stands in the midst of nations, to render right the wrong.  
Then God shall be as a shepherd, the lambs gathered to God's breast;  
and pastures of peace shall greet them, to give to the weary rest.

Text: J. Lewis Milligan, 1925; alt. Tune: Ascension, by H. Hugh Bancroft, 1938.

## **PREPARING THE WAY AT ADVENT**

Pastor Martha

### **PRAYER OF RENEWAL** (*unison*) By Martha Koenig Stone, 2022

**Holy One, we come this day just as we are: fragile and imperfect,  
completely dependent on your love and power. Help us, we pray,  
to feel your presence, to drink in your Spirit, to be restored by your  
grace, and to be filled with new hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **WE WATCH AND LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

### **GREENS: NEW LIFE TO COME**

Kim Griffin

*As we sing, worshipers at the east end of the pews place greens in the windows.*

## CAROL

### “Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.  
Isaiah had foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

*Text: German, 15th century; transl. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.*

*Tune: Es ist ein Ros', in Katholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1599, Harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609.*

## PURPLE: ROYALTY AND REPENTANCE

Sami Lindsey

*As we sing, the Deacons set purple paraments in place.*

## CAROL

### “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set all people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; grant us your true liberty.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart;  
Dear desire of every nation, enter every longing heart.  
Born all people to deliver, born a child, you came to reign!  
born to rule on earth forever, come, be known to us again.  
By your own eternal Spirit, come to claim us as your own;  
by your all-sufficient merit, let us share your cross and crown.

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt.; Tune: STUTTGART, Christian F. Witt, from Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715.*

## CANDLES: LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS

The Stehler Family

*The First Advent Candle is lit.*

*Response: **Today we remember to look with HOPE for the coming of Christ.***

*As we sing, worshipers at the east end of the pews place candles in windows.*

## CAROL

### “Hope is a Star”

Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song,  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid!

*Text: Brian Wren, 1985; Tune: MOONBEAMS, Joan Collier Fogg, 1987, Words & music ©1989 Hope Publishing Co.*

**STARS: LEADING THE WAY TO LIFE**

Mandy Speed & Lily

*As the choir comes forward, the stars are hung and the tree is lit.*

**ANTHEM**

“A Prayer for Advent”

HUCC Choir

Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Douglas Nolan

Katie Sturm, cello

**CHRISMONS: MESSAGES ABOUT CHRIST’S BIRTH**

Carol Feasel

*As we sing, CE Board members and Teachers come forward to hang Chrismons.*

**CAROL**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echo back their joyous strains  
Glo--ria in excelsis Deo! Glo--ria in excelsis Deo!  
Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say, what may the tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
Glo--ria in excelsis Deo! Glo--ria in excelsis Deo!

Text: Traditional French carol, 18th C.; tr. Crown of Jesus Music, 1862, alt.

Tune: GLORIA, Traditional French melody, 18th C.; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956.

**CHRISMONS: WHO JESUS WAS AND WHAT HE DID**

Henry Stone & Phoenix H.

*As we sing, Board of Outreach members come forward to hang Chrismons.*

**CAROL**

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful Child!  
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;  
New life, new hope the Child will bring.  
Listen -- to the angels sing,  
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Savior of all!  
Jesus, Jesus, although you seem so small,  
You’ve come in all our hearts to dwell.  
Listen -- to the story I tell:  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, you’re Emmanuel!

Text: African-American traditional; alt., found in The New Century Hymnal, #136; v.2 Martha Koenig Stone ©1993.

Tune: WONDERFUL CHILD, African-American traditional, arr. Jeffrey Radford 1992.

## CHRISMONS: WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Judy Hawk

*As we sing, Trustees come forward to hang Chrismons.*

### CAROL "Of the Parent's Heart Begotten"

Of the Parent's heart begotten, when the worlds were yet to be,  
One there was with no beginning, One who is eternally—  
Source and Ending of all things that have - - been,  
and all things that are to be, for-ever and forever.

By this Word was all created, by this Word were all things done:  
Land and air and deepest ocean, harmony of three in one,  
And all growing in the lu - - - minance  
shed forth from the moon and sun, for-ever and forever.

Text: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th C; Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993.

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Adapt. from a medieval plainsong in Petri's Piaae Cantiones; Harm. C. Winfred Douglas 1940.

### CRÈCHE: PLACE OF AWE AND WONDER

Su Grimes

*As we sing, youth bring crèche figures forward and place them on the altar.*

### CAROL "Once in Royal David's City"

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for a bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Jesus came to earth from heaven, who is God and Head of all,  
Sheltered in a rustic stable, cradled in a common stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848: alt. Tune: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849. Harm: A.H. Mann, 1919.

## **WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE**

### INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

Pastor Martha

### OFFERTORY

Robin Bower

### \*DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT (*in unison*)

Praise God, whose dawn transfigures night,  
Whose Daystar shines for us on high,  
Whose Spirit brings into our sight  
The Hope which to our world draws nigh

Text: David B. Bowman, in The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers, ©1973 John Knox Press; Tune: from the Geneva Psalter (1551).

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Let us pray together. . .*)

**O God, you who have given us life and have made every child a holy child, we give you thanks. May our generous giving reflect the opening of our hearts and the deepening of our commitment to you and to your world – for the sake of the children today and tomorrow. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Eric Falla

**\*SENDING HYMN** “Watcher, Tell Us of the Night”

Watcher, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, O a wondrous sight! See that glory-beaming star!  
Watcher, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel!  
Watcher, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.  
Watcher, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o’er all the earth!

*Text: John Bowring, 1825; alt. Tune: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1879.*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Martha

**POSTLUDE**

*Please remain seated quietly for the Postlude*

Robin Bower

***WE RETURN TO THE WORLD TO SHARE OUR HOPE***

*As our worship ends, our service begins.*

***Please join us outside after worship for fellowship time together.***

*+Portions of today’s service are adapted from “Advent/Christmas Liturgies, Year C, First Sunday of Advent,” from Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church: [Advent/Christmas Liturgies, Year C](#)*

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