

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

## Order of Worship

### The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Gathering Music – *“Prepare the Way”*

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Minister Ainise Isama’u

A righteous branch grows out of the root of Jesse – a branch that brings justice and peace. Let us prepare our hearts to receive the blessings of this branch in our lives and in our world.

Opening Hymn\* - *“All Earth Is Waiting” (Toda La Tierra, UMH 210)* Vickie Tani & Orchestra

### Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

**Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-**

Stanley Pang

L: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**P: God’s kingdom has drawn near.**

L: Prepare the way of peace.

**P: God’s salvation is at hand.**

L: Prepare the way of righteousness.

**P: God’s Spirit moves among us.**

L: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Opening Prayer**

Stanley Pang

Mighty One, the spirit of the Lord rests upon your chosen one: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. As we behold your glory in the heavens, breathe your passion for justice into our hearts, that we may defend the poor, deliver the oppressed, and help the weary. In this season of Advent, may your righteousness flourish and may your peace abound, that none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Minister Ainise Isama’u

Lighting the Advent Wreath: PEACE

Maxine & Roger Butcher

Choral Anthem – *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (UMH 218)*

Faith Chancel Choir

## The Word of God for the people of God

**Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-10

Rhonda Kai & Stanley Pang

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots. <sup>2</sup>The Lord's spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>He will delight in fearing the Lord. He won't judge by appearances, nor decide by hearsay. <sup>4</sup>He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land. He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth; by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist. <sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox. <sup>8</sup>A nursing child will play over the snake's hole; toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den. <sup>9</sup>They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

L: The Word of God for all people

**P: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: ~ "Try Wait...for PEACE"

Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

### We Respond to God's grace

Celebration of Holy Communion

Clergy Team

Offering Our Gifts ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Doxology\*

Vickie Tani & Orchestra

**\*Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Stanley Pang

Gracious God, you offer us a gift beyond price. Your Son is like the sweet kiss of rain on a barren land. Your promised salvation is like the bread of heaven for those who are perishing. In gratitude for your abundant gifts, we commit ourselves to act justly, in solidarity with the poor, and we pledge our assistance to those who are in need. May the gifts we bring before you this day hasten the day when none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. Amen.

### Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn\* ~ "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (UMH 211)

Vickie Tani & Orchestra

Commission and Blessings \* -

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace\* - Postlude "Peace Has Come"