

University United Methodist Church

December 6, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m. ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Hymn 216)

Johannes Brahms

Words of Welcome

Lighting of Advent Candle: Hope

On the second Sunday of Advent, we look for signs of hope in our world: people helping each other, walls of separation being broken down, bridges crossing great divides. We find signs of hope in a family, traveling a long way from home, expecting a baby and being surrounded by the compassion of strangers. We light this second candle for the hope we find in the world, as we wait for Christ to come into our world and lives in a new way.

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night, our hearts long to greet you, as roses the light. Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage. One candle is lit for the hope of the age. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting “UniversityUMC” to 77977 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions.*

Solo

“Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive”
“O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”
Soloist ~ Anna Cobb

George Frideric Handel
Isaiah 7:14, 40:9, 60:1

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“An Altogether Hope”

The Reverend Tobi Nguyen

Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Michael Abbott Fox

Parents: Matt Fox and Morgan Abbott

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Responsively

...Do you, as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Michael with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others.

We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

... Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

... to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

... with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Responsively

... Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Reception of New Members: Matt Fox and Morgan Abbott

Congregational Response

In Unison

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ

and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church

by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Closing Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Hymn 213

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Postlude

Improvisation

Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ruby Whitehead DeBerry by Arthur S. DeBerry.

The rose and cradle cross on the altar are in honor of
Parker Rae Saunders, born November 23, to parents Ryan and Amanda Saunders and
grandparents Mike and Rosemary Saunders.

