

University United Methodist Church

December 5, 2021 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Johannes Brahms

Words of Welcome

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Responsively

On the second Sunday of Advent, we know that God's love has always been with us. God's love has been made known to us in a new way, through the birth of the Christ-child. God has become one of us, the Word that breathes the Spirit into us and in Christ we know the fullness of God's love. We are called to share that love with the world. We light this second candle for the love God has for the whole world.

Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play, where evil is banished and faith takes the day. A babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes. One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

Children's Moment

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting “UniversityUMC” to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions or through UniversityUMC.church.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:68-79

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

Sermon

“Praying in Advent”

The Reverend Dr. Creighton Alexander

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Hymn 209

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

Postlude

“Savior of the Nations Come”

Johann Gottfried Walther

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