

# Sunday Service for December 8th, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” -arr. D. Wagner

CHORAL INTRIOOT “Sing We Now of Christmas” -arr. J. Althouse  
(*Brianna Schroeder, Henry Erenz, Trumpets*)

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE/CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the Second Sunday in Advent. Get ready for the coming peace!

**All: There is a voice crying in the wilderness;**

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight for him.”**

One: Today we light the candle of peace, prayerfully trusting in God’s day when there will be plentiful grace, and peace will prosper in every land.

**All: Today we worship in anticipation of the day God’s promise will be fulfilled,  
“For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.”**

• GATHERING HYMN #104 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

• GATHERING PRAYER (*In unison*)

**Holy One, as streets fill with shoppers, bright lights, tempting offers, and Christmas songs, You lead us along a different path; to a desert and a prophetic voice, a call to repentance, a call to service, a call to immerse ourselves in living water that will never run dry, a call to prepare a way in our own lives for the Savior of the world to enter in that we may know the touch of tender mercy and rest in your forgiving love.**

• SILENT PRAYER

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME - Hanging the Ornament of Peace!!

(*Children may leave for Sunday School following the Greeting Time.*)

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST



• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace. A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear. A peace growing from our trust in your loving power. Receive these offerings and use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #677 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Advent Noel” -C. Chauvet

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers online giving with the **GIVE+** program. For more details, please contact the church office or log on to our webpage [emanuel-ucc.org](http://emanuel-ucc.org) and click on the **GIVE+** icon at the bottom.*

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.