

+ CLOSING HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing:
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

+ BENEDICTION

Danielle Jones

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Stephen Self



...The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service...

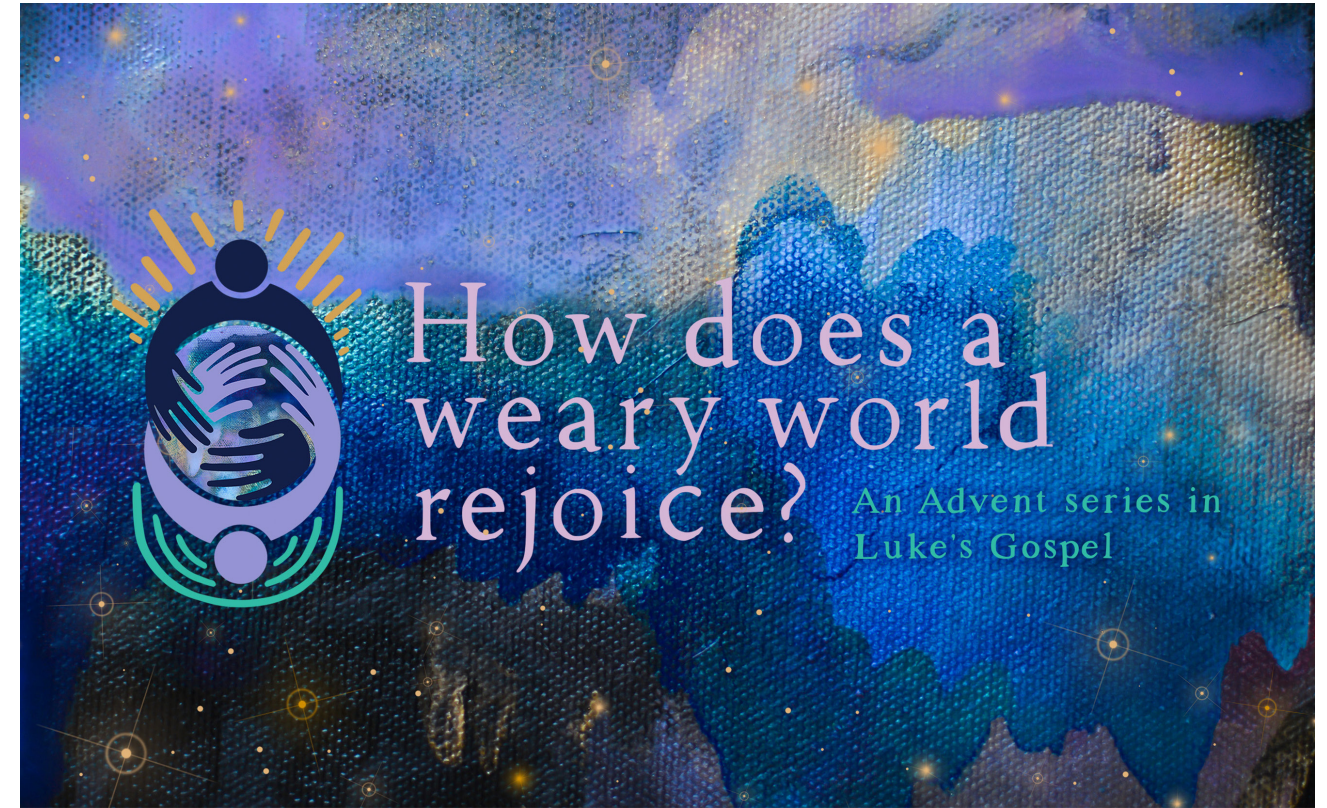


WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Rev. Dan Stark
Liturgist Rev. Danielle Jones
Music Stephen Self
Deacon Kris Webert
Usher Eileen Phifer



The Chancel Flowers today are given by Shirley Hogan
in memory of her husband, Dick Hogan, and all deceased family members.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
December 10, 2023 ❖ 8:00 a.m.
Chapel

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshipping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.



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+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE *Improvisation on "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* Stephen Self

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+ CALL TO WORSHIP/RESPONSIVE LITANY Dan Stark

Leader: In God's house, we can be joyful.

All: We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.

Leader: In God's house, we can be weary.

All: We can be anxious. We can be grieving.

Leader: In God's house, we can be honest.

**All: Inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious,
and everything in between.**

Leader: This is God's house. You are welcome just as you are.

All: Let us worship our loving God.

+ OPENING HYMN *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.

Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

+ GLORIA PATRI

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Danielle Jones

COMMUNITY MOMENTS Danielle Jones

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:57-66 (NRSVUE) Danielle Jones

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON We Allow Ourselves To Be Amazed Dan Stark

OFFERTORY *Sarabande in G Major* Stephen Self
Johann Sebastian Bach

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Danielle Jones

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Danielle Jones

All are welcome at the table which has been set for us by Christ.
Let us prepare and receive the joyful feast of the people of God.
A gluten-free option is available.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP Danielle Jones

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS Deacons

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison) Danielle Jones

**Faithful God, in this place and at this table we have witnessed the signs of
Your love for each one of us. May we go from this place filled with grateful
love for You and confirmed in our intention to share Your love with all
who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our host at
this table and our guide in all our life. Amen.**