

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE: "Silent Night Are. John W Schaum

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Rustemeyer Family

OPENING HYMN: "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming"

GTG # 129

Time of Spiritual Centering: Confession and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON "Nothing Will Be Impossible with God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME FOR GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY "Mary Did You Know"

Angela DeVenuto and Leo Radosavljevic, soloists

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Thanks be to you, O God, hope of the afflicted, and friend of the poor.

Your faithfulness never fails. Take and use these gifts we offer, to further

Your purpose in the world, through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN: "Love Has Come "

GTG # 110

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sleigh Ride"

LeRoy Anderson

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe

Assisting us in Worship: The Rustemeyer Family, Lindsay Mecher, Leo Radosavljevic and Angela DeVenuto, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, and Bridge Pastor William J. Ingersoll.