

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able.

(UMH) is the United Methodist Hymnal (blue).

(TFWS) is The Faith We Sing songbook (black).

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: As we journey through the valleys of life, may we continue to live with hope as our guide.

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Michael Praetorius arr. Bruce Greer)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: We light this candle to help shine the hope of Christ throughout the world.

P: May the hope of Christ shine through us as we share this light with the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – UMH # 224 (v. 1-3)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

Mary, Did You Know? (Mark Lowry and Buddy Green) - Fire Within Us

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of justice, healing and love, we come this morning in this season of waiting and longing and hope: to listen for your voice, to hear your call, and to see transformation. May this time of worship strengthen our resolve to live lives of justice and radical love. May this time of fellowship give us the courage to do more than hear about our world being turned upside down, but to joyfully participate in that turning. We pray these things as we come to our time of silent prayer . . .

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Every Valley (John Ness Beck) - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-8 (Common English Bible)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Give Thanks - TFWS # 2036

SERMON

Wilderness Rhapsody - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING (Offertory Sentence)

L: In this Advent season of preparation, we ask God to help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus, our example and redeemer.

OFFERTORY

Song of Hope (R. Wagner)

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Like a Child - TFWS # 2092 (v. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noel Suisse (L.C. Daquin)

Participating in the Service Today

Music Director: Anna DeMichele

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Liturgist: Ford Monell

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

Organist: James Petri

Guitarist: Ashley Ventrì

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Wilderness Rhapsody

Isaiah 35:4-8 (CEB)

California Heights United Methodist Church

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GROW

Say to those who are panicking: "Be strong! Don't fear! Here's your God, coming with vengeance; with divine retribution God will come to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. Then the lame will leap like the deer, and the tongue of the speechless will sing. Waters will spring up in the desert, and streams in the wilderness.

The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground, fountains of water. The jackals' habitat, a pasture; grass will become reeds and rushes.

A highway will be there. It will be called The Holy Way. The unclean won't travel on it, but it will be for those walking on that way. ~ Isaiah 35:4-8 ~

Notes:

PRAY

Dorothy Anderson
Judy Andrews
Meldene Brown
Cynthia Ching
Betsy Crawford
Erica Cummings
Nicole Cummings
Sharon Cummings
Mary Dickson
Bonnie Elsten
Jackie Freeman
Ken Fry
Mark Goodrich
Hannah Gough
Jennifer Gray
Lola Green
Helen Hagan
Paige Hardin
Phyllis Hart
Sage Holzauer
Baby Jessica
Harry Markham

Lilly Mendoza
Robert Miller
Susan Monell
Beverly Nixon
Gladys Oswell
Thirza Pearce
Sylvia Polinski
Tommy Story
Christopher Valenzuela
Debbie Wallace
Dorothy Wallace
The Weimer family
Lynn & Linda Williams
Marilyn Wissler

All Military Members
Long Beach Firefighters
People of Ukraine
Those Traveling
COVID Patients
Cal-Pac Leadership Team
Cal Heights Leadership Team

STUDY

Monday - James 5:7-18

Tuesday - Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday - Isaiah 40:1-11

Thursday - Ezekiel 34:17-31

Friday - Isaiah 9:1-7

Saturday - Philippians 4:4-9

Sunday - Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25