



“From the fig tree learn its lesson...”

- Mark 13:28

**November 29, 2020**

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 80:1-3*

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead us like a flock.

**People: Stir up your might and come to save us!**

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts.

**People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

HYMN #730

*“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”* vs 1, 2 & 3

Charles Dickerson

**O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;  
Come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.**

**Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid;  
The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.**

**Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,  
And finely build for days to come foundations that endure.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Eternal God, you give us life, and we call upon your name. You are the potter, and we are the clay. We are the work of your hand. Make us into something useful and helpful to you and to your world. We are aware of our frailties. We count on you to turn our weak places strong, and to repair us where we were once broken. We bring you our entire selves, and trust our flaws and failings to your care. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Fitzgerald

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#196

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

April Herron

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
A candle of hope in a winter's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

ANTHEM

*"He Shall Feed His Flock"* – G. F. Handel

Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

#95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures, here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- Mark 13:24-37

Jesus announces that God will act.

John Fitzgerald

SERMON

*“Meanings in the Moment”*

April Herron

HYMN #213

*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”* vs 1 & 3

Charles Dickerson

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here!**

**Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
Our hearts to thee we open wide;  
Let us thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in us reveal.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**There’s a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

POSTLUDE

*“On This Thanksgiving Day”*

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble

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*Paula Kuno* – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

*Michael Starr* – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

*Cory Tramontelli* – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director

Kristin Rekse, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.

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Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.

Miguel Portillo, Custodian