

We are glad to be able to worship together today.  
We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship  
in the Gathering Space following the service.

**Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today**

**GREETERS**

Outside	Lynn Marr
Inside	Eleanor Dawson

**USHERS**

Linda Traum  
Linda Doerr  
Margie Williams  
Volunteer Needed

**LITURGIST**

Betty Assmann

**COFFEE HOST**

Arlene Dunham

**Next Sunday, December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Away From the Manager: The Musical**

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Series: Coming Home  
Sermon Title: Joy Is Our True Home

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

**Traditional Worship Service:** Tuesday - 7:00 pm,  
Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

**Contemporary Worship Service:**  
Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7:00 pm

Worship Services from the previous week can also be seen on  
CHANNEL 187 on Sunday only: Traditional Service at 9:00 am  
& Contemporary Service at 11:00 am  
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Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017

*\*Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

**PRELUDE**                                      *Rose Carol and Variations*                                      Janet Correll

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad and  
pass it to others in the pew.)*

**\*GREETING OUR NEIGHBOR**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                                      *People, Look East*                                      No. 202

**CHILDREN'S TIME**                                      Jennifer Lane

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**HYMN**                                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**All (sung)**    **"O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery."**

Reader 1:    God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it. You created all things  
and called them good.

Reader 2:    God of Love, you wove into life a beautiful diversity from your infinite palette of  
creativity. All the creatures that walk or swim, crawl or fly sing praises to you.

**All:**            **We, God's people, affirm the creation of all things in love, saying with the  
psalmist: "God's salvation is very close to those who honor (God) so that  
(God's) glory can live in our land. Faithful love and truth have met;  
righteousness and peace have kissed." (Psalm 85:9-10, CEB)**

Reader 1:    On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us that the God  
of Creation calls us home to love all that we meet.

**All (sung):**    **"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**                                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                                      verses 1-3    No. 234

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 CEB

**PASTORAL PRAYER**    *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests)*

Prayer Song                                      *Love Came Down at Christmas*                                      No. 242

Prayer

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.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**                                      *Hail Mary*                                      William Dawson  
Chancel Choir

**THE MESSAGE**                                      Home is Where We Meet                                      Pastor Diane Gordon

**A TIME OF OFFERING**    *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests in the offering plate.)*

Invitation

Offertory                                      *Adagio on a 12th Century Bohemian Carol*                                      Alice Jordan

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

*(Loose coins will go to the Goodrow Fund)*

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**                                      *There's a Spirit in the Air*                                      No. 192

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                                      *Joseph est bien marie*                                      Andre Raison

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of our Grandmother and Great-Grandmother (Granny),  
Mrs. Ruth MacDonald on her birthday. From, her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren