



Order of Worship

Dec 10, 2023

"Love makes your crawl out from its hiding place."

~ Zora Neale Hurston

*****Please Stand in Body or Spirit***

Welcome

Music for Centering

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Gen Nelwan
Frazier Family

Love calls to us. Love creates us. Love lives in us.
Love saves us. Love leads us. Love is us.
As we light the candle of love,
we reflect on love, God's greatest light,
even in the circle of hope, peace, and joy.
For as scripture proclaims: "The greatest of these is love."
May love guide our journey to Christmas and beyond.

Advent Candle Prayer for Love

God of love, God of hope, God of peace, and God of joy,
be with us in our darkness, be with us in your light.
Emmanuel, be with us always and everywhere,
that we may be the love and light you create us to be.
In your love and light, we pray. Amen.

Dismissal to Sunday School

****Praise and Worship**

Hymn Sing/You Are Worthy of My Praise

Call to Worship

Nick Mina

Tenderly calling, God speaks:
"Comfort, O comfort, my people."
Crying with love, God speaks:
"Shout the good news!"
Promising hope, God speaks:
**"Every mountain shall be made low.
The uneven ground shall be leveled."**
Proclaiming love, God speaks:
"Do no fear! Here is your God!"

Prepare for Worship

All Who Are Thirsty

Prayer time with Lord's Prayer

Nick Mina

Shepherding God, guide us through this season
when heaven and earth meet
and righteousness and peace kiss.
Restore the hope this season offers,
that we might lift our voices
with strength and joy!
Straighten the crooked paths,
that we might walk in your ways.
Level the rocky ground,
that we might prepare for your arrival
in our world.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Nick Mina

"Comfort, O comfort, my people," says our God.
You have served your term. Your penalty is paid.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Scripture

Galatians 5:16-26

Nick Mina

Sermon Title

I Love You Still

Pastor Drew Davis

Time for Holy Communion

Time of Giving with Doxology

Prayer of Giving

Nick Mina

You bless us in your flock, O God,
when heaven and earth meet
and righteousness and peace kiss.
You gather us in your arms
and lift us into your lap.
May the gifts we offer you this day,
reflect in some small measure,
the immense gratitude we feel
for the generosity of your love. Amen..

****Song of Response**

Love Came Down at Christmas

****Prayer of Benediction**

Pastor Drew Davis

Christ is coming soon.
Love is on the way.
Faithful love and truth have met.
Righteousness and peace have kissed.
We wait for the fullness of God's kingdom.
Christ is coming soon.
Love is on the way.



**Altar Flowers this week in memory of Valerie Holt,
wife of John Holt.**

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