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Sunday, December 20 2015, 10:00am

Theme: Advent 4 – Transformed by Extravagant Welcome

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE

CAROLS OF ADVENT~ *The Strummers*
All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth
I Saw Three Ships
Deck the Halls

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

SILENCE & TONE BOWL

CANDLES OF ADVENT: *Lift Up Your Eyes (on-screen) ~ by Joel Raney*

OPENING PRAYER: (*Responsive*)

One: O God, you are with each one of us.

All: You are with the young, the elderly, the disenfranchised, the war weary, the content, and the discontent.

One: You give freely and exuberantly to all of us.

All: No matter who we are, no matter what stage of life we are in, we each receive your gift.

One: We gather to receive your gift with gratitude and songs of praise.

All: We gather to live into the fullness of life that you show us in the birth of Jesus. Amen.

†HYMN: *He Is Born* (on-screen)

VU#50

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) (NRSV)*

Scripture Reader: *George Zirotf*

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir~ O Magnum Mysterium*

~ by Antognini

THE MESSAGE: *“Worship for Everyone”*

Open Hands

†HYMN: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* (on-screen)

VU#48

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“Smokey Mountain”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS (Leader)

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

†OFFERTORY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Tune: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (on-screen)

VU#541

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison, on-screen*)

Use our offerings to teach us to sing your praise, O God. Teach us to sing with notes formed by hopes and acts of justice. Teach us to sing with harmonies shaped by mercy’s wide embrace. Teach us to

sing Mary's song of birth and rebirth for all creation as we join our songs to yours. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *All Who Are Thirsty* (on-screen)

MV#4

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (*Leader*)

†HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (on-screen)

VU#60

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Bob, Rev. Tracy, The Adult Choir, The Strummers, Hal Tonkin, Don Mills, Jan & Keith Campbell, Tess & Harold Ashley, Heather & David Robertson, Cathy Rivard, Kristin Raugust, George Ziroff.