

Prayers of the People

Stewardship Moment

Musical Reflection

*Doxology

#50
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Communion

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Reframing the Sacred

As we prepare to move into the world, we begin to reframe our view of the world and our circumstances, illuminating new ways of being the Christ (Anointed One).

Anointed to a Sacred Time

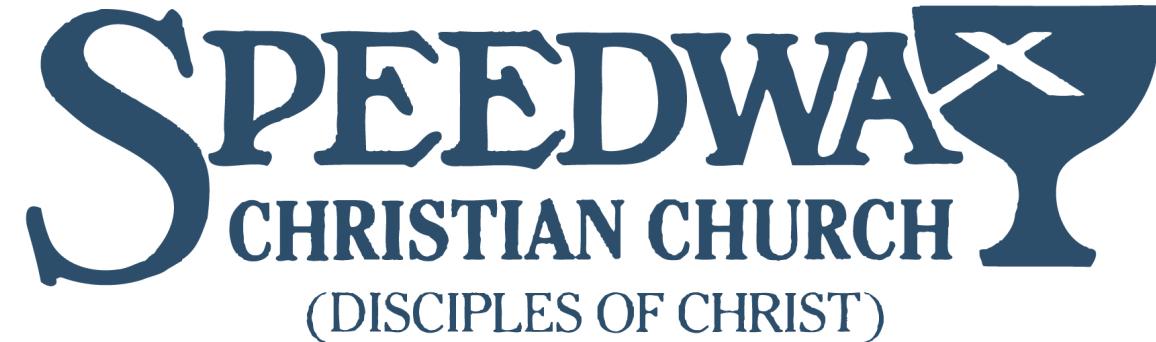
*Closing Hymn (see insert)

Eternal God Transcending Time

*Benediction

Postlude

#134
Emmanuel, Emmanuel



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First Sunday of Advent

A blurred background image showing a gradient of purple, blue, and orange colors, suggesting a celestial or spiritual atmosphere.

reflecting the sacred

Advent/Christmas 2022

Sunday, November 27, 2022

This Advent season's worship series
is inspired by



Music for Gathering

Hearing devices are available in the narthex.

Welcome

Reflecting the Sacred

The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred each and every day. "Incarnation" is a word that means that God's presence came to dwell among all people, and we believe this happened in a special way in the birth of Jesus. All creation has always been imbued with the Creator's brilliance. This season, we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.

We Begin to Reflect

*All who are able, please stand.

*The Light Enters the Sanctuary

One: We pray for Hope this day.

All: **We pray for Hope this day.**

One: We see the Sacred reflected in all things.

All: **We see the Sacred reflected in all things.**

One: We open to each moment as a gift of holy presence.

All: **We open to each moment as a gift of holy presence.**

One: This is the gift of the Christ Mystery, lighting the way to hope.

All: **This is the gift of the Christ Mystery, lighting the way to hope.**

*We Respond in Song (in unison)

Upon This Moment

U-pon this mo - ment, — U-pon this peo - ple, — U-pon this

place — the Ho - ly comes — And Sa - cred know-ing — brings. Sa - cred

be - ing — for Sa - cred do - ing — of — God's plan.

Travis Whaley
Director of Music & Organist

*We Pray (in unison)

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Hope, we give you thanks for this holy moment together. As we take in the hope you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred time of "right now" into the sacred time of "always and for all time." Amen.

*Opening Hymn of Hope

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Come, O Long-expected Jesus

*Passing of the Peace

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Please share the peace of God with those worshipping around you.

Refracting the Sacred

As light passes through a medium, it can be redirected in ways that make its brilliance more visible, as in a prism. As we encounter the message today, we see the world and our own lives and loved ones in a different light, one that invites us to know more deeply the sacred nature of all things.

Children's Moment (10:15)

Words from Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

[The Message]

The Word in Song (10:15)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
arr. Travis Whaley

Chancel Choir

Matthew 24:36-44
[NRSV]

Words from Scripture

Sacred Time
Rev. Kyle Hunter

The Word Proclaimed

Refilling the Sacred

We are wells of the sacred. God's presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week. All we must do in this moment is open our hearts to the Holy One.