

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 am

Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

Dare to imagine God's song! December 12, 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Candle Litany

Leader: We light a candle of joy. And we imagine:

People: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not fear!

Leader: We light the candle and join in God's song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Call to Worship

(adapted from Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say: Rejoice!

People: Shout for joy, rejoice with all your heart!

Leader: God sings over you. Fear not, for God is in your midst.

People: Shout for joy, rejoice with all your heart!

Leader: Sing praises to God—shout aloud and sing for joy.

People: God is in our midst.

Leader: We listen.

People: We strain to grasp the sound of God's song.

Opening Song: O Come All Ye Faithful VT # 241

Song: Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets VT#276

Confession and Assurance

Scripture: Luke 3: 7-18

Sermon: "Dissonance" Patrick Nafziger

Song of Response: Could It Be That God Is Singing VT # 42

Sharing Joys and Concerns Christine Nafziger

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Announcement/Welcome of Visitors & Virtual Attendees

Closing Song: Joy to the World VT # 240

Sending Blessing/Benediction: VT # 883 Excerpted from "A Liturgy for Stones,"

The *Dare to Imagine Table* is a place for everyone, children and adults, to create! Express the meaning of this third Sunday of Advent by making a work of art using the supplies provided. Join in at any time during the service.

TODAY

Worship Leader: Christine Nafziger

Pianist: Becky Oyer

Worship Planner: Joanne Lehman

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 38

General Offering: \$2,390

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patrick and Christine will be traveling to PA to be with Christine's family December 17-21. Marilyn Rossiter will be preaching on Sunday morning, the 19th. If you have pastoral needs while they are away, please contact a member of the Care Team--Deb Barry or William Troyer.

The mitten tree is up! Bring your donations of mittens/gloves, hats and scarves to be donated to local children through several organizations.

Save the date for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on April 22-23! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event in Kidron to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. We invite you to make comforter tops and backs (60" x 80") for use at the Comforter Bash. Comforter backs and tops should be dropped off at the MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road) between January 1 - March 1. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Orodara region, where many of Burkina Faso's Mennonites live. Foreign-sponsored guerilla fighters are making it difficult for people to go to work and for children to attend school. Pray for the Mennonites' peace witness, for the families of the more than 1,500 people who have died and for the more than 1.3 million displaced people in Burkina Faso.

December Birthdays:

- Pam Zook, December 3
- Jacob Kamp, December 23
- Mona Rohrer, December 25
- Hazel Boyle, December 31

Call to Intercession

We seek you, Lord, while you may be found,
we call upon you while you are near.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved.

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You comfort us as a mother comforts her child.

We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

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You are God of astounding promises.
We pray for our community and for our neighbors.
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Your peace guards our hearts and minds.
We pray for the church in all places,
that we may know the freedom of life in the Spirit.
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You cause righteousness and praise
to spring up. We pray for the world
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We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.
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Incarnate God,
you fill the deepest blue of world and soul.
Help us to claim the sturdy hope
that Mary held in her heart
and sang out in witness,
that we too may rejoice to be disciples
of the one coming as dawn from on high.
We pray in his name:

Our Father... (using sins and those who sin against us)
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