



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2015

Welcome to Laguna Beach United Methodist Church! We are glad that you are with us. If you are here for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table after the service, pick up an information packet and meet some friendly folks!

Children are welcome to a Children's Bulletin to help guide their worship, and if they need space, they are welcome to use the children's table quietly.

✠ **PREPARE TO ENTER THE SACRED**

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211 (vs. 1, 5)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Meg Estrada

*HYMN OF PRAISE & ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
"Prepare, Ye, the Way of the Lord!" Refrain
Verse 1: Solo, Verse 2: Joyful Noise, Verse 3: All

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Through the act of passing the peace of Christ, we offer our sincere desire to love our neighbor.

CALL TO WORSHIP: LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Warren & Tina Haines

One: We light this second candle as a symbol of the *peace* we have in the promise of Christ, the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Sung Response: *Come, Emmanuel, come. Drive the dark away.
As we walk by faith, waiting for Your light. Come, Emmanuel, come.*

✠ **ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator of heaven and earth, you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they study war any more.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able!

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy) TFWS 2257b
Holy are you and blessed is your child, ... Because of Christ's love, we will find a way to seek out forgiveness and peace, and we celebrate the reconciliation that Christ has gained for us.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS
Our offering is part of the living sacrifice we offer to God. We give as the Lord has given to us.

OFFERTORY "People, Get Ready!" Soloist: Beth Chapman

*DOXOLOGY "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH 221(v. 4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mandy Flemming

✠ **HEAR GOD'S WORD**

TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN: The Shepherds Lauren Smith

ANTHEM "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" (arr. O'Connell)
Chancel Choir

*GOSPEL TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 3:1-6, NRSV
ONE: This is the Word of God, for us, the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON SERIES: Advent: Light & Life to All He Brings
Week 2: "**The Path is Illuminated:** John the Baptist"
Rev. Mandy Flemming

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: The Great Thanksgiving

ANAMNESIS: REMEMBERING
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took the bread and gave thanks and praise to you. ... as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION TFWS 2257c
Christ has died, Christ has risen Christ will come again!

EPICLESIS: THE INVOCATION
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here

THE GREAT AMEN TFWS 2257d

THE LORD'S PRAYER *You are invited to hold hands during the 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.

LITANY FOR WORLD AIDS DAY See insert

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: *The Communion offering is
designated for the Global AIDS Ministry of the United Methodist Church*
"Bethlehem Wind" Joyful Noise
"Shout to the North"
"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" UMH 384 to HYFRYDOL

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING & INVITATION Mandy Flemming

✠ TAKE GOD'S PRESENCE INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

*BENEDICTION Rev. Mandy Sloan Flemming
*With Christ as our inspiration, worshiping together as one loving, inclusive
body, we will bring God's love to life through our prayers, presence, gifts,
service and witness.*

The Purpose Statement of Laguna Beach United Methodist Church

*POSTLUDE

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LAY PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist	Meg Estrada
Cantor	Noah Epstein
Communion Steward	Roy Solloway
Communion Servers	Lamar & Gillian Kirkpatrick
Anointing Stations	Jim Mills, Jennifer Walters, Kay Ostensen, Joy Cleary
Acolyte Steward	Sharon Stewart
Acolyte(s)	Cooper Flemming, Devin Young
Ushers	Volunteers
Greeters	Frank & Monique Daniel
Audio/Visual	Bruce & Cheri Hodgson