

Good Morning & Welcome to Mt. Olivet UCC!

December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

*Indicates an Invitation to Stand

Lighting the Candle -

Pastor Bert

Welcome -

Tolling the Bell -

Trent Rapp

Prelude -

Spencer Reed

* Call to Worship -

One: We come today from different places, different moods, different mornings.

All: Some are hectic and rushed, others quiet, perhaps downhearted. Despite it all, we are loved equally in God's eyes.

One: We pray for health or happiness; some pray for strength or support.

All: We pray in joy and hope and longing, and God hears each prayer the same.

One: We worship with different voices and talents, and we lift up our hearts united in praise.

All: Each one of us is unique and beloved.; together we praise God who welcomes our worship as one.

* Praise Music - *Reckless Love*

Praise Team

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me, You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me, You have been so, so kind to me

(Chorus)

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99, and I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away,
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me, You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me, You have been so, so kind to me (Chorus)

There's no shadow You won't light up, Mountain You won't climb up, Coming after me,
There's no wall You won't kick down, Lie You won't tear down, Coming after me (x 3) (Chorus)

* Praise Music - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - Black Hymnal #116

Praise Team

Advent Wreath -

Bill & Janice Weikart

Advent Hymn - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 2)

Black Hymnal #116

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, and help us in that way to go. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

Kid's Message -

Pastor Bert

Anthem - *Infant Holy, El Shaddai* arr. by Rouse

Mt. Olivet Choir, directed by Kay Williams

Offering - (plates are located on the back table, or can be placed in the plates during the Doxology as the usher walks forward)



* **Doxology** – (sing to the tune of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above Ye Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

* **Blessing of the Offering**

All: Open our eyes and ears. Revive the desert places in us that we may yet blossom. Don't let the world be cold. Don't let the world be dry. But bring your promises close to it. Freshen it. And let us stand on tiptoes of expectation, daily through this season, convinced that we will find your footprints on our paths, and that one day soon we will see these gifts blossom as flowers in the desert. Amen!

* **Hymn – *On Jordan's Bank***

Red Hymnal #84

Scripture – *Matthew 12:1-12b* (page 1019-20)

Liturgist, Lisa Williams

Message –

Pastor Bert

Communion Hymn – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Black Hymnal #330

The Invitation – the Story – The Communion Prayer – The Call to Supper – The Sharing of the Meal

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' joyful presence in the simplicity and splendor of the holy meal. Unite us who are fed here, that we may joyfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

* **Hymn – *Away in the Manger***

Red Hymnal #93

* **Benediction –**

Pastor Bert

* **Announcements**

* **Postlude –**

Spencer Reed

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Collection for Mina's Foster Closet is underway!

We are collecting NEW household goods for the foster kids that are aging out of the system. We are looking for cleaning buckets filled with cleaning supplies, kitchen/bath towels, washcloths/dishcloths, cooking utensils (measuring spoons, cups, spatulas, spoons, silverware sets, plastic plate/bowl sets. Bring your items in and set in the front of the Sanctuary.