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Worship –2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 8, 2024 Advent Worship Series: "Experiencing Christmas"

Greeting

Musical Introit

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.

People: We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, God is with us, Immanuel.

(The first and second candles are lit)

Leader: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock.

People: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

Leader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

People: Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.

*Musical Response: Do you hear what I hear? (echo) Do you hear what I hear? (echo) God's peace, God's peace, covering the earth, until all know justice and grace. Until all know justice and grace.

*Song of Praise	"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"	UMH 218
*Affirmation of Faith (A	Apostle's Creed)	
*Gloria Patri		UMH 70
Children's Time		
Old Testament Lesson: Leader: The Wor People: Thanks	Isaiah 40:1-5 rd of God for the people of God. be to God.	(see addendum below)

Song of Reflection

Sermon

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

"Blessed Be The God Of Israel"

Doug Bischoff Rev. Amanda McMurtrey UMH 209

*Song of Response

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's 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*.

Giving Praise to God For Our Blessings

*Doxology

Benediction & Sending Forth

Song of Sending Forth

"All Earth Is Waiting"

UMH 210

Isaiah 40:1-5 (CEB)

40 Comfort, comfort my people! says your God.

² Speak compassionately to Jerusalem,

and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended,

that her penalty has been paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins!

- ³ A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!
- ⁴ Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be flattened. Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain a valley plain.
- ⁵ The Lord's glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together; the Lord's mouth has commanded it."