

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE: "Bagatelle" Ludwig van Beethoven
George Radosavljevic, Piano

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sam, Anita, Isaac, Noah, & Jonah Bakou

OPENING HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" GTG # 96

Time of Spiritual Centering: Confession and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Gracious God, we have not kept watch for you but
have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
nor acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness and
help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON "Confronting John the Baptist"

TIME FOR GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY "Come to Us, Lord Jesus" Hal H. Hopson
Leo Radosavljevic, Emily Crisp, Lindsay Mecher, George & Pat Radosavljevic

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts. With this offering we ask that you would take our lives as well and use us in Christ's service. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup (including Words of Institution)

Prayer following Communion (in unison)

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GTG # 87

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Carol of the Bells"

arr. Dan Coates

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe

Assisting us in Worship: Sam, Anita, Isaac, Noah, & Jonah Bakou; Leo Radosavljevic, Bass Baritone; Emily Crisp, Soprano; Lindsay Mecher, Mezzo Soprano; George Radosavljevic, Piano and Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director, and Bridge Pastor William J. Ingersoll.