

Lakeview United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for December 6, 2020

This weeks message is ***Even in the Wilderness of Babylon*** By Pastor John

Gathering Music - *Pre-recorded*

Welcoming guests and announcements - *Pastor Ross*

Prelude - *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Arr. Bish

Meditation

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

- Harriet Tubman

Advent Candle Lighting - *Office Staff*

Call to Worship - *Pastor Linda*

Come, open your hearts. Light the candles, sing the carols, rest in the prayers.

Come, open your lives to the Light of the World, to the songs of blessing, to the prayers of healing.

Watch, listen, feel. God is coming! God is here!

Let us rejoice!

Hymn - *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* Hymnal #152 1, 2

Prayer & Concerns - *Pastor Linda, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer*

Affirmation of Faith - *Pastor Ross*

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, for he looks with favor upon us and sees our unrealized potential. In the tradition of Mary, and all who have said "yes" to God, we stand here today, to add our assent to theirs.

- *Like Mary, we feel overwhelmed; we wonder if we are worthy, or capable, of following the calling.*
- *Like Mary, we have our questions and we will not be afraid to ask them.*
- *Like Mary, we will hear and ponder the assurance that God will empower us.*
- *Like Mary, we will strive to say — "Let it be with us according to your will."*

To all that God is inviting us at this time in our lives, and relying on God's grace, we say "yes."

Special Music - *Soon and Very Soon* The Lakeview Singers

Scripture - *Isaiah 40:1-11* Luther Abrahamson

Hymn Preparation - *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* Hymnal#176 All

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Offering - *Pastor Ross, Doxology - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Communion - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymnal#211 2

Postlude - *Fantasy on "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Arr. Thallander

Benediction - *Pastor John*

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Week!