

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
November 27, 2022 @ 10 AM
1st Sunday of Advent | UM Student Day

9:45 Gathering Music
by Cross Roads UMC Praise Team:
Your Name [Christmas Version]
Glorious Day

Welcome & Announcements

A Song of Praise with Procession of the Nativity:

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of Love
Little baby here among us
sent to earth from God above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of Light
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night
In a manger lies a Baby
Child of Mary, Son of God
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee

All Your works declare Your glory;
All creation joins to sing
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant.
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

Advent Reflection & Candle Lighting-
The Waugh Family

Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, UMH #211
(verse 1 only)

A Time for Children with Pastor Dustin

Anthem: *Come, Thou Almighty King*
by Cross Roads UMC Choir

Prayers of the People
[you are invited to come to the altar to pray]

A Time of Giving with Special Music

Doxology

Song: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*
UMH #218

Scripture: Luke 1:5–24; 39–45 [NRSV]
-Mike Ballard

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you

will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary.²² When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.²³ When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home.²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said,²⁵ “This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”²⁶ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,²⁷ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.²⁸ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit²⁹ and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.³⁰ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?”³¹ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.³² And blessed is she who believed that there would be^[a] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

This Is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

**Message: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN;
 ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH**

Celebration of Holy Communion

P: Who is invited to the Lord's Table?

L: All are invited; the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the lowest and the least; sinners and saints together in communion. Come find your place here where there are no strangers or foreigners, only brothers and sisters in the sight of God.

P: Why do we give thanks at this table?

Leader: We give thanks because Jesus showed us the way, we give thanks because Jesus is the Way. Jesus was a gift from God for the world. He was called Emmanuel, “God with us.” He came to save us from our sins. Jesus lived a life of thankfulness and gave his life as a sacrifice for many. We give thanks that he is our Savior, Christ the Lord.

P: Why do we eat and drink at this table?

P: We eat because on the night before Jesus died, he ate with his friends. He gave them bread and said, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” At that same meal he took a cup of wine and said, “Drink this cup. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

P: What do we remember at this table?

L: We remember Jesus’ birth and his presence as God with us. We remember Jesus’ life and his love. We remember Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross. We remember the resurrection and the promise of life. We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again.

Let us pray: God of grace, thank you for this bread and wine, and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of hope, fill us with your Spirit today that we might have the wisdom to understand the mystery of this Table, and the depth and height and breadth and length of your love for us. Through this meal, strengthen us to be followers of Jesus, a community of peace in a broken world.

[communion is served]

Closing prayer: Jesus, you truly are Emmanuel “God with us.” In this season of hope, may the meal we've shared together nourish us to be your body in the world, your kingdom come, your will done on earth as it is in heaven. With the angels in heaven we join in singing your praises, Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

A Song of Invitation: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, UMH #196*

The Blessing with The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you
 make His face shine upon you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord turn His face toward you
 and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude