

OUR SCRIPTURES:

Messiah	John 4: 25	Jesus/Immanuel	Matthew 1: 23
I AM	John 8:58	King of Kings	Revelation 19:16
Savior	Luke 2:11		

UNITED WE SING

“Joy to the World”

PRAISE TEAM SONG

RESPONSE TO THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS, *in unison*

We long for your coming, O God, but we are often unprepared for you to come because we have not always lived as your people. Many times in our lives, we have disobeyed your will. We have not always done what we should have done. Sometimes, we have done what we should not have done. Sometimes, we have failed and sin. Forgive us, Lord. This day we ask for strength to be who you call us to be. We ask for the Holy Spirit to take us on a journey of faith this season, filled with our love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR DORIE

Reminder of the potluck in the Fellowship Hall

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you, Moms and Dads and Grandma and Grandmas who have brought your children today to share this very special service where we begin the time of welcoming our Savior Jesus Christ. These moments are so very precious in bringing to life the person of Jesus to our children, who is important for all of us to hold close, especially in such times as we are experiencing right now. Jesus is the gift we all need. Be Blessed!



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Luverne United Methodist Church
Hanging of the Greens Worship Service
1st Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023



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COMING TOGETHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WE SING“Light of the Stable”

PRAISE TEAM

OPENING PRAYER

UNITED WE SING“Come and See”

PRAISE TEAM

Offerings can be placed in the offering baskets on the back table, brought forward to the altar, or you can use the online GIVE link on our website: www.umcluverne.com or using our mobile app.

CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsively*,

L: May the Lord be with you..
C: And also with you...
L: Christ has come! Christ has died! Christ will come again!
C: This is the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ!
L: When we look at the world around us, we see the darkness of war, captivity, greed, and broken relationships.
C: We long for Christ to come again and bring light to our world.
L: The word of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ lives among us, bringing truth and light as a present reality.
C: We worship as those who have a glimpse of that reality, and we long for its fullness. We are those who labor to make Christ’s light more visible on earth. Let us praise God, that the light of Christ shines on in the darkness, which has never overcome it. To God be the Glory of Jesus Christ and in the church forever and ever. Amen.
L: A gift of a new day,
C: God’s gift to us.
L: Let us receive it with joy
C: And live it in expectation. Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC“Mary, Did You Know”²

ANISSA VIS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

L: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

L: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

C: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

UNITED WE SING“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”#334 UMH

Light the first candle of the advent wreath

UNITED WE SING“O Come All Ye Faithful”#234 UMH VERSES 1-2

INTRODUCTION TO THE SPECIAL SERVICE

UNITED WE SING“Infant Holy. Infant Lowly”#229 UMH VERSES 1-2

OUR SCRIPTURES:

Alpha and Omega	Revelation 1:18	Root of David	Revelation 22:16
Son of God	Luke 1:35	The Word	John 1:14
Lamb of God	John 1: 29	Holy One	Mark 1: 24

UNITED WE SING“The First Noel”#245 UMH VERSES 1-2

OUR SCRIPTURES:

Good Shepherd	John 10:11	Prince of Peace/Wonderful Counselor	Isaiah 9:6
Mediator	1 Timothy 2: 5	Redeemer	Isaiah 60:16
Servant	Matthew 12: 18	Branch	Isaiah 4: 2

UNITED WE SING“Sing We Now of Christmas”#237 UMH VERSES 1-2

OUR SCRIPTURES:

Deliverer	Romans 11:26	Cornerstone	Ephesians 2: 20
Light of the World	John 8:12 3	Bread of Life	John 6: 35
The Way the Truth the Life	John 14:6	Glory of the Lord	Isaiah 40:5

UNITED WE SING“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”#224 UMH VERSES 1-2