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December 2, 2012

Communion

First Sunday of Advent

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Carol Sing (10:15 -10:30 am)

Opening

* Hymn VU #633 – "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Prayer of Approach

We have come to worship you and to try to understand you, Holy One. We know we should be thinking about the things of faith as Christmas approaches but we often get distracted by the business of shopping and parties. We want to get on track. Show us the signs that will lead us to a deeper, more meaningful faith in Jesus. Give us markers on our journey that will encourage our progress and give us hope. Bless us on this adventure. We ask in Jesus' name. AMEN

The Word

Scripture Readings – Psalm 25: 1-10 Luke 21: 25-36

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD

* Hymn VU #2 – "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Meditation – "Finding the right path"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Bethlehemtown"

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

You shall be the path that guides us, You the light that in us burns; Shining deep within all people, Yours the love that we must learn, For our hearts shall wander restless Till they safe to you return; Finding you in one another, We shall all your face discern.

Joyful Noise - "Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace"

Children's Time – Lighting the First Advent Candle – Stewart's

* Response (MV #221)

I am walking a path of peace (3x) Lead me home, lead me home.

Celebration of Communion

* Sung during Communion - MV #202 – "Bread for the Journey"

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, God of power and wisdom, for the food that has filled our souls with love for you and your Creation. May it sustain us as we walk faithfully toward you. Help us to watch for the signs that assure us we are on the right path. AMEN

- * Hymn VU #641 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"
- * Benediction (VU #647)

Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is flowing, A spirit that is flowing night and day.

Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is flowing, The spirit will be with us all the way.

Travel on, travel on, with the river that is flowing, The spirit will be with us all the way.

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Pat Dumont & Nick Czehryn, Liturgists Gina Grant, Custodian

Greeters: Wilma & Don Hunnie Ushers: Virginia & Richard Kozicki Communion Servers: Edna Cechvala, Edna Erickson, Betty Penner and Ruth Penner