



the inn

HOUSING THE HOLY

November 28, 2021

“Making Room”

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:4-5

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All Are Welcome!

*Make your ways known to me, Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—
because you are the God who saves me.
I put my hope in you all day long.*

Psalm 25:4-5

+Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Esther Mino

WELCOME & GREETING

Pastor Shauna

THRESHOLD

Pastor Shauna

Leader: The pandemic has laid bare, and widened, economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter the Advent season, how can our church become a house where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we offer the Light of Hope to illumine the Door of Welcome.
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.
May Hope awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Holly Orr

Leader: Hope waits for us at Advent

People: Hope waits for us to trust.

Leader: Hope waits for our commitment to a land that’s kind and just.

People: In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,

Leader: for the birthing of a world that heals the ones in pain.

ALL: Hope is born in us again!

+PASSING THE PEACE

Holly Orr

Leader: The Hope of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: As we rise in body or spirit for our opening hymn, I invite you to pass a “wave” of peace to the people around you and to the people worshipping at home.

+OPENING HYMN

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (#203 vv. 1,3,4)

Esther Mino

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

FIRST READING—**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Holly Orr

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

SECOND READING—**Psalms 25:4-5**

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*Make your ways known to me, Lord;
teach me your paths.
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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Making Room"

Pastor Shauna

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Shauna

MISSION MOMENT OF SHARING—

Offering Hope in Haiti from our friends at Hopewell UMC

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ***Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*** Esther Mino
& Special Quartet

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holly Orr

God of grace and God of glory, when we open the doors of our hearts to your goodness, we're able to offer our gifts to you with glad and grateful hearts. May what we offer you this day, help to make our church a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow. Amen.

CLOSING CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem (#230)

Esther Mino

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Esther Mino

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

MESSAGE

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

MUSIC

Esther Mino

GREETER

Hannah Smith

LITURGIST

Holly Orr

ATTENDANCE

Hannah Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

USHER 1

Wayne Barrows

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

USHER 2

Cyndy Weiner

Terry Moore