

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Phyllis and Dave Moore

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG: Verse 2

PRELUDE: Get Ready, Mark Burrows; Julianna O'Leary

LITURGIST: Lois Chenkus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Please stand*

Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.

The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day.

Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.

Let us worship God. †

OPENING PRAYER:

God, we are confident you are coming, bringing a world where all will be made right. Calm our anxiety, strengthen our patience, and keep our hope aflame, as we work towards, and wait for, your new day. Amen. †

OPENING HYMN: **Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice** Verse 1 TFWS 2089

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Please be seated (unison)*

Wilderness, exile, tribulation, rejoicing: Your way runs through all of these, O God. May we prepare this way anew. †

SCRIPTURE READING: **Isaiah 40:1-11**

GOSPEL READING: *Please stand* **Mark 1:1-8**

After reading:

L: The Word of God for the people of God P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Lift the Valleys, Pastor Steve

SONG: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, Stephen Schwartz;

Pastor Steve, Dave Moore, Julianna O'Leary

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE:

Sometimes, we are not ready for things to be made new. Help us, God, to imagine the new earth that you envision for our world. Help us see ourselves in it. Give us wisdom and courage to hasten the coming of your day. Amen. †

(Time of silence)

God is patient. Think of this as salvation. God speaks peace. All will be made well. Amen. †

HYMN: **Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice** Verse 2 TFWS 2089