

Participating in Worship Today

Piano:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Joan Sharp & Beecher Daniels
Ushers:	Joan Sharp & Beecher Daniels
Reader:	Palmer Haynes
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Tisha Brown
Serving Communion:	Tisha Brown & Mary Penninga
Dishwashers:	Hale/Murray/Daniels/Sharp
Ministers:	All the people
Pastor:	Brad Brookins



This Christmas—
Buy
without money and
without price...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen

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The most practical thing is not to weep but to act and to have faith in God's assistance and grace in our trying to do God's will.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ

1st Sunday of Advent

November 26, 2017

Greeting
Silence

Prelude *O Come, O Come Immanuel*

Bringing in the Light

1st Song *Let There Be Light, Lord God of Hosts* (NCH 589)

* The Call

You have brought us to another Advent season, Loving God. The Candle of Love shines on the story of love—the story of Divine Desire needing to be present to us. In joyful anticipation we begin the wait for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Many of us are walking in darkness; some of our own making and some imposed on us. We need the growing light of Advent; we long for the assurance of your presence. Help us to see this light. Help us to *be* this light shining into the world you love we pray. Amen.

* The Promise

Anyone, which means everyone, who is in Christ has become a new creation. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become new. By God's grace we are called, forgiven and made whole...

Thanks be to God!

*O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

What's Happening

Offering

Keeping Quiet

Pablo Neruda

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the earth,
let's not speak in any language...

Offertory

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

* Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!*

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

This year all we want for Christmas, Generous God, is peace. Peace in our hearts, in our families, in our communities, in our country. Peace on earth. Use these gifts and use us to nudge the world in that direction we pray. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55. 1-3

2nd Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55.6-13

Sermon

The Table

We are invited

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray...

* Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (NCH 122)

* Benediction

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Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

Mary Lou Kollath recovering from an accident
Donna & Roger Stoll
Winnie Losenegger dealing with continuing back pain
Justine Schmid's grandson diagnosed with cancer

Serving in Worship on December 3, 2017

Greeter: Harland Erfurth
Ushers: Pete & Delores Way
Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson
Reader: Delores Way
Communion Bread:
Serving Communion:
Dishwashers: Pete & Delores Way, Ron Moore + 1 other
Coffee Hour: POTLUCK!!

Please remember we are signing up 4 people to wash dishes after Sunday brunch each week. If you can help, get your name on the signup sheet. Thanks.

Every Body Yoga meets in the fellowship hall at noon on Saturdays and at the Energy Center in Mt Horeb on Mondays at 9:30. Everyone is welcome!

Congregational Meeting Notice There will be a formal Meeting of the Congregation following the worship service today to vote on the proposed changes to our church constitution. Please stay on for the meeting if you so we can have input from as many our folks as possible. If you have any questions please call Moderator Karen Fletcher (845-6067) or call the church office (832-6677)

The Community Clothes Closet Blanket Drive runs through November. All new or gently used blankets are received with gratitude but there is a special need this year for 4ft X 6ft throw blankets. Bring your donations to church and we will stack them on the chancel. Talk to Lori Burns, our CCC Liaison if you have any questions. Thank you.

Thanks to everyone who contributed fruit and nuts to our gift baskets this year. Your generosity is much appreciated.
Mt Vernon Caregivers

We will be collecting new and gently used toys (and cash donations) for the Verona FFA "Share a Toy" program through December 8. Please place your gifts in the box on the chancel or your money gift in the offering plate with "Share a Toy" on the memo line. Thank you for being so generous. See Judy Edwards if you have any questions.

We are beginning Advent a week early this year. The Church Council decided we would not have a morning church service on December 24 this year and so, since we didn't want to miss any of the Sundays in the Advent Season, we moved the 1st Sunday of Advent up to this last Sunday in November.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the best times to invite family and friends who haven't found us yet.

Keeping Quiet
by Pablo Neruda

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the earth,
let's not speak in any language;
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.
It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines;
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.
Fisherman in the cold sea
would not harm whales
and the man gathering salt
would not look at his hurt hands.
Those who prepare green wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victories with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing.
What I want should not be confused
with total inactivity.
Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death.
If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death.
Perhaps the earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.
Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.