

# Come Down Home

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES



## Mountainside United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 3, 2017

## Celebration of Worship

### Welcome

*\*Indicates congregation standing as able*

\*Opening Song

“Have Thine Own Way”

\*Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row*

\*Greeting

Leader: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of God’” (Psalm 122:1, NRSV)

People: **Welcome, preacher! Welcome, people! Welcome home!**

**Let us worship joyfully in God’s house. Amen.**

\*Prayer (together)

**Tear open the heavens, O God.**

**Open our hearts.**

**Let your Word fall on our ears,  
and lead us home.**

**Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Introduction

**All [sung]: “O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captives  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear again.”**

Reader 1: God of justice and peace, healing and comfort, we see a world of wonder where you are.

Reader 2: We are a broken people, unable to work together for our common good; we cannot see or hear each other even within our own families.

Reader 3: We are a suffering world, our nations are filled with corruption and violence; our fragile earth cries out with longing for redemption.

**All: We, God's people, long for God's presence, saying with the prophet: "If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!" (Isaiah 64:1, CEB)**

**A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us of our longing that God will come into the world, bringing justice and peace, comfort and healing. Light a candle.

\*Invitation to the table

**All [sung]: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."**

**THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Children's Sermon

*Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor. Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children's church, although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Joys & Concerns

*A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution. A Children's church (ages 3-10) is available at this time.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Anthem

Anthems of Love

Mountainside UMC Choir

Sandia Strings

(the pastor continues with words declaring God's mighty acts...)

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

Message

Come Down Home

Pastor Mills we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Offering

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest**

Offertory

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in tl**

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

(the pastor continues with words remembering the action of God in

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE DISTRIBUTION

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving after Communion (together)

**Thank you, God, for coming down home among us  
in this holy mystery,  
flesh and blood in our flesh and blood.  
Send us by your Spirit to hear the cries of others  
who long for your coming  
and join them in your work that makes all things new;;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Emmanuel" (2x)

Benediction

## Announcements

**Church Conference** is today at 4:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

**Greeters and Ushers needed**, no experience necessary, on-the-job  
Can you come to church at 8:30 one Sunday a month to help welcome congregation to the service? If so, then you are hired. Please contact 281-6031 or [janeannlunn@aol.com](mailto:janeannlunn@aol.com). This is a wonderful way to minister serving your church.

MUMC will be having our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December to 12:00 noon. Get in the holiday spirit, eat breakfast with Santa, a Christmas music from our renowned Jug Band. Bring your entire family and \$3 for kids ages 2-12. We need many hands and joy filled hearts! If you are interested, please contact Tifani Vincent at 281-5 and [andcent@mountainsidemethodist.org](mailto:andcent@mountainsidemethodist.org).

**Christmas Food Boxes:** Thank you for all the generous donations all food items except for canned meats, canned vegetables and soups. The list of all the food items needed is published in the recent newsletter and is for distribution. Please turn in your food items by **Wednesday** sturdy **cardboard boxes** are also needed. The size of a computer printer will also need new or gently used items for our Christmas "store" supplies **toiletries, etc. Please try to adhere to the foods requested on the check expiration dates before donating.** The date for assembling Saturday, **December 16th** 9:00 to 12:00 in the MAC and many volunteers needed. Any questions, please contact Julia Beach at 281-7061 or [jbeach50@comcast.net](mailto:jbeach50@comcast.net).

**3D is back on Tuesdays at 10:45 AM** in the Fellowship Hall and weekly. We will be discussing Diet (eating right), Discipline (living Discipleship (loving God). 3D is a Christ centered weight management plan founded by Carol Showalter about 40 years ago. Rev. Linda Mizell the classes focusing on strategies to seek balance for healthy eating reduction for the Holiday season. For questions call Linda Mizell: [lindamizell@mac.com](mailto:lindamizell@mac.com).

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**THIS WEEK at Mountainside UMC**

**Today, Sunday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Mission/Service Displays  
9:00 p.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:10 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
4:00 p.m. Church Conference

**Monday, December 4**

10:45 a.m. Yoga  
12:00 p.m. AA  
3:45 Upward Practices  
6:00 p.m. Women's AA

**Tuesday, December 5**

9:00 a.m. EM Food Pantry  
9:30 a.m. Holy Yoga Chair Class  
10:00 a.m. Weight Management  
3:45 Upward Practices  
6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga Mat Class  
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
7:00 p.m. AA

**Wednesday, December 6**

10:45 a.m. Yoga  
12:00 p.m. AA  
3:30 p.m. EM Food Pantry  
3:45 Upward Practices  
5:50 p.m. Jubilee Band  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 CWS Band Practice

**Thursday, December 7**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Potluck  
12:00 p.m. AA  
3:45 Upward Practices  
5:30 p.m. Jug Band Practice

**Friday, December 8**

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon  
12:00 p.m. AA  
3:45 Upward Practices  
5:00 p.m. Cheerleading

**Saturday, December 9**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa

**Next SUNDAY, December 10**

9:00 a.m. Mission/Service Displays  
9:00 a.m. Classic Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:10 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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**Sunday Morning Groups 10:15 AM:**

Grace	Round Room
Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Life	Pastor's Office
Families in Faith	Room 203, upstairs
Young Adults	Room 110 (Gym)

**Sunday Morning Youth & Children's Classes:**

Nursery	Nursery	Newborns thru 4 year olds
Bible Beginnings	Room 201	4 to 8 year olds
Faith Finders	Room 202	9 to 13 year olds
Spirit Seekers	Room 205	14 to 18 year olds

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Janet Vertrees, Liturgist  
Mountainside Choir  
Sandia Strings  
Dee Short, Organist  
Karen Blackmore, Pianist  
Barbara Manzanara, Choir Director

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