

“Raise your voice... do not be afraid.” — The Messenger

Advent Week 2, Dec 6, 2020
“I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship”

I Believe and Welcome

Prelude

Crossing the Threshold (David Edmonds)

I believe in love, I believe in love,
even when, even when I don't feel it.

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Advent Candle Lighting and Prayer

Video

Prayer: Spoken by missionaries over continued audio of the I Believe music accompaniment tape.

Missionary Group #2 (*Holding a lighted candle, read the following prayer and the part of the people*)

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of daring love. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we cannot yet see a better day when we will act like the human family we are, ignite the flame of love within us,

People: ... that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

Pastor: You are invited to light the first blue candle from last Sunday and a second blue candle, the candle of Love at this time.

Children's Time to Shine: Children sing designated verse(s) of “This Little Light of Mine” wearing their lighted headbands. Heather to give recorded message, as desired.

Celebration in Music (David Edmonds)

“Lo How a Rose” UMH 216

Scripture Reading

Message

Litany of Belief

Leader: I believe that we have been taught to fear one another AND

***People:* I believe that we are capable of learning to love.**

Leader: I believe that our society is built on a foundation of oppression of some over others AND

People: I believe that we can speak this truth and move to act in ways that balance this inequity.

Leader: I believe that we are afraid AND

People: I believe that we can lean on each other and God for courage to face anything.

Leader: We believe, even when we are discouraged.

People: We believe, that when we are discouraged, raising our voices for justice will bring about more love in the world!

Anthem

Missionary Moment/Offertory

Doxology [*to the tune of "Give Thanks"*] (David Edmonds)

Believe, with a loving heart!

Believe, and shine your light!

Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"

let the poor say, "I am rich

because of what our God has done for us."

Believe!

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Carol of Unity and Hope (David Edmonds)

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH196

Blessing of Food

Break-Outs