# **Morning Order of Worship**

Sioux Center United Reformed Church Sunday, December 3, 2023

## CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL... "GOD WITH US" MATT 1:23

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Prayer of Invocation
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn of Praise: 293 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS MATT 1:21

Call to Confession

Hymn of Confession: 269 The People That in Darkness Sat

Assurance of Pardon

### GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST LUKE 2:14

Responsive Reading of the Law from the Epistles Congregational Prayer

### **GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY LUKE 2:10**

\* Song of Preparation: (Insert) Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Prayer of Illumination Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Message: **A VOICE**Prayer of Application

### PEACE AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED! LUKE 2:14

\* Hymn of Response: 298 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 319 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*Offering: General Fund (received during song)

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: 117B Praise the LORD God, All You Nations (unannounced)

### **A VOICE**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 December 3, 2023 AM Rev. Jon Bushnell

1. The Occasion of God's Comforting Promise (:1-2)

The Content of God's Comforting Promise (:3-5)

3. The Certainty of God's Comforting Promise (:6-8)

4. The Sharing of God's Comforting Promise (:9-11)

### **Questions for Personal and Family Devotions**

- 1. What is the occasion of God's renewing comfort?
- 2. What is the content of God's comforting promise?
- 3. What is the promise to hold on to? What does this text teach you to believe?
- 4. What does this passage teach us to do?

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are able

# **Evening Order of Worship**

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# IMMANUEL WHICH MEANS, "GOD WITH US" MATT 1:23

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Prayer of Invocation
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn of Praise: 300 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

### A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS MARK 1:3; ISAIAH 40:3

- \* The Apostles' Creed (pg 851)
- \* Hymn of Response: 292 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD LUKE 1:46

Psalm 59

Psalm of Praise: 59:1,3,4,6 O Save Me from My Foes

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD LUKE 2:38

**Congregational Prayer** 

### THE WORD BECAME FLESH JOHN 1:14

\* Hymn of Preparation: 315 Silent Night! Holy Night! The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 11 (pg 968)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 10:26-33

Message: GOD'S WORKS OF PROVIDENCE ARE...

**Prayer of Application** 

# DEPART IN PEACE, ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD LUKE 2:29

\* Hymn of Response: 324 *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 318 Angels We Have Heard on High

Offering: Christian Education Fund (offering received during song)

- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: 567 *Doxology* (unannounced)

### **GOD'S WORKS OF PROVIDENCE ARE...**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 11 Scripture: Matthew 10:26-33

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1. His Most Holy, Wise and Powerful

2. Preserving and Governing

3. All His Creatures, and All Their Actions

#### **Questions for Personal and Family Devotions**

- 1. How would you define or explain God's providence?
- 2. What does it mean that God is *most* holy, wise, and powerful?
- 3. Do you believe that God is in charge? Are you comforted in the knowing that nothing in all creation will separate us from his love?
- 4. How is God's providence foundation for science? Is there a single stray atom in the entire universe?
- 5. Who or what is on the receiving end of God's preserving and governing?
- 6. What is your first response when you hear bad news? How do you make it through long-term disappointments and struggles?
- 7. Do you give God credit for your success?
- 8. If God controls all things, how can our actions have real meaning? Are we responsible for our actions?

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