# **Welcome to Worship**

Rev. Katie Waggoner, Pastor

Order of Worship | Sunday, December 12, 2021

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

# **Invitation and Gathering**

Opening Hymn: #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.1-4

#### **Call to Worship**

L: Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.

P: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.

L: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

P: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.

L: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

P: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. AMEN.

Lighting the Advent Candle Hymn: #2090 Light the Advent Candle verse 3

Children's Message:

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Church...

# **Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing**

(Please place connection cards in the offering plate)

### **Prayers of the People**

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"
Congregational response: **"Hear our prayer."** 

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Hymn: #204 Emmanuel

# **Proclamation and Response**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 7:14-16 and Matthew 1:20-23

**Sermon:** Incarnation: Emmanuel

The Offering: \*Doxology: Hymn #95

# **Sending Forth**

Closing Hymn: #227 The Friendly Beasts

#### **Benediction:**

Be people of joy.

Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet.

Share joy by seeing the good in each other.

Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times to come.

Share joy by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share joy. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share joy, peace, and hope with those you meet. **Amen.** 

\*Please stand as you are able Read in unison words printed in bolded type

#### **Announcements**

Coffee hour is on break.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: 5pm Central Lake 7pm Alden

Christmas Eve Under the Stars: 8:30pm Alden - outside at the nativity

Bible Study will take place on Sundays after church. Today we will meet after the post church service chit chat.

### **Mission/Vision Statement**

The mission of the Alden Community United Methodist Church is to CONNECT people to Christ, NURTURE them to spiritual maturity, and PREPARE them to go into the world to bear fruit and to set a Christian Example.

#### We will accomplish this by:

- Celebrating with heartfelt worship of God
- Pursuing individual Christ-centered growth
- Being a caring community for all
- Using our time, talents, and gifts for God's purpose
- Sharing the Word of God

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