

St. Helens First United Methodist Church

560 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051

December 6, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading:

This is how God will come.

The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace:

These will mark God's new day.

Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

Even as we wait, let us make a way for God:

In our hearts and in our world.

Let us worship God.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

READER: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

HYMN/ANTHEM: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus See Below

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:1-8

READER: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: The Voice in the Wilderness Rev. Marilyn Allen

HYMN/ANTHEM: O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1, 3) See Below

CLOSING PRAYER (Unison)

God of faithfulness and truth, you sent your servant John the Baptist to preach in the desert and summon the people to repentance. Make us and all things new, that in the wilderness of our world and in our lives, we also may prepare a way for Jesus. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6-12

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, there are no worship services or small group meetings currently being held at the church. Instead, we are worshiping online on the church website (www.sthelensfirstumc.org) and engaging in fellowship and Bible study over Zoom. Bible study is at 10:30 am on Sunday and fellowship follows at 12 noon. Login information is available on the main page of our church website.

If you have any questions about the reopening of the church or would like to know more about our ministry during this time, call Pastor Jared at (206) 930-9051 or email him at pastorjaredmaddox@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at (503) 397-0061 or email it at office@shfumc.comcastbiz.net.

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