ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE  "Rondo"  Franz Krommer
Jim Skalesk and Brian Handeland, clarinet duet

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please sign the Fellowship Pad, acquaint yourself with others)

INTROIT  "O Jesus, Blest Redeemer"  (14)  Cleland McAfee

CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: The second candle on our wreath is the candle of hope. It was hope that gave our ancestors in faith courage to go on and it was hope that directed their prayers toward a Messiah.

People: Because of our trust in what God has already done, we are bold to hope for what God will yet do with us.

Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

People: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Let us hope that our light so shine before others that they will give glory to God in heaven!
**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Loving God, we come before you with humble hearts. We confess that in this season of good will we find ourselves less than generous, tight-fisted rather than open-handed, materialistic rather than munificent. We fail to embrace the meaning of this season; that through the birth of Jesus your message of peace and good will comes alive, calling each one of us to live out the hope Jesus offered. Forgive us, O God, for our sinfulness. Forgive our pettiness and greed. Forgive us for looking the other way as others reach out for us. Forgive us for ignoring the true meaning of this season. Help us to heed the call of John the Baptist and to seek a baptism of repentance leading to new life. As we continue our Advent preparation, be among us to make the crooked parts of our lives straight and the rough ways smooth, so that we too may embrace your salvation. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI**

Glory to the Creator,  
the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in one.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**PASSING THE PEACE** (Let us turn and greet those around us.)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**  
Kelly Christianson  
Interfaith Hospitality Network-Beacon House  
A Blessing: Children: The Lord be with you.  
Congregation: And also with you.  
Unison: Amen.

**ANTHEM**  
“Thou Shalt Know Him”  
Chancel Choir  
Mark Sirett
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10

*SERMON HYMN #121 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

SERMON “All About God”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Silent Prayer/Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Prayer Response “Wonderful Words of Life” (45) Philip Bliss

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS, COMMITMENT OF OUR LIVES

Offertory Sentence
Offertory “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Wayne Wold

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
God’s praise, ye hosts on high proclaim.
Who doth create, redeem, sustain. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN #127 “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (113)
- Ralph Vaughan Williams

*POSTLUDE Fantasy on “Oh Come, Emmanuel” Austin Lovelace +
Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
   and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
   the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
   the spirit of counsel and might,
   the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
   or decide by what his ears hear;
4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
   and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
   and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
   and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6 The wolf shall live with the lamb,
   the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
   and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze,
   their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
   and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
   on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
   as the waters cover the sea.

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.