Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“O Day of Peace”  Hymn No. 373

Benediction
Choral Response
“Prepare the Way of the Lord”  Jacques Berthier

Organ Postlude
“Noël Suisse”  Louis-Claude Daquin

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
Please remain seated.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate

Music Ministry:
Chancel Choir; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries;
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Streaming Host:
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The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of quiet preparation as the music begins.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude
Chant and Meditation on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” John Behnke
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace The Marx and Fortune families

Choral Introit
“Come, Emmanuel, Come” Cindy Berry

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
People: May his name endure forever, and his fame continue as long as the sun.
Leader: For God delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
People: From oppression and violence, God redeems their life.
People: May his glory fill the whole earth.
Leader: Amen and amen.
Let us indeed worship the God of hope and peace.

*Hymn
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn No. 82

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, in the midst of this holy season we can become overwhelmed by the expectations of the season. Keep us from being self-focused and distracted. By your Spirit, open our hearts to experience this season as one of reflection and preparation. Help us to remember to take time to remember the depth of the gift offered to us by the Holy One who is coming once again. May this be for all of us a time that instills in us generous hearts and giving hands so that all may indeed know the wonders of his love now and in the days to come. It is in the name of Emmanuel that we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Hymn
“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom” Hymn No. 578

*Response to Confession

*Offertory Sentences

*Offering of the People

*Offertory Anthem
“Creation Will Be At Peace” text: J. Paul Williams music: Anna Laura Page

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession

*The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers
See the bulletin insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with Children

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Second Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Let Us Seek A New Thing” Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom” Hymn No. 578

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
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, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Anthem
“Creation Will Be At Peace” In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.