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PRELUDE *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*
Moser

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Star Child* ~ John Carter

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 126, *The Message*)

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,
when God returned Zion's exiles.

**We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe
our good fortune.**

We were the talk of the nations — "God was
wonderful to them!"

**God was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.**

And now, God, do it again — bring rains to our
drought-stricken lives

**So those who planted their crops in despair
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,**

**All: So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads of
blessing.**

***HYMN OF EXPECTATION** UMH #220
Angels from the Realms of Glory

***OPENING PRAYER** (Rev. Nathan Decker, GBOD)

Traveling Ancient One

**Who caravanned the desert sands with
Abraham and Sarah**

Who walked with Peter and Mary Magdalene

Who sailed with Paul and Priscilla:

Travel with us this Advent Morning.

**Guide us through the wilderness of our
minds to focus on you.**

**Bring the mountains of our egos and the
valleys of our depression to level land.**

**Straighten our belief so that our actions
might smooth out rough roads.**

**Help us, today, to see the salvation of God
we pray through the Messiah you sent and
are sending still, Amen.**

*Sunday
December 9, 2012
8:30am*

Giving Up On Perfect



***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Lolly Adolfson & Patty Habersberger
TFWS #2090 (vs. 2) "Advent Song"

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4 (OT page 889)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Shepherd of the Stars ~ J. Martin & R. Sterling

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 3:1-6 (NT page 60)

SERMON

"Giving Up On Perfect"

Rev. Chris Walters

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

Do You Hear What I Hear ~
Regney/Shayne/Arr. Waldrop
Bellissimo (with Sherry Lenning on Flute)
UMH #94

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Benediction ~ Gene Grier

POSTLUDE

Bethlehem ~ Arranged by Johnson

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here!

Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew.

If you have a prayer concern, or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the Prayer Card found in the pews.