

MISSION STATEMENT:

**Equipping people for a growing relationship
with Jesus Christ to serve all.**

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a gratitude you wish to share, a prayer concern, or
would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the
appropriate card found in the pews and place in the offering plate.

CHILD CARE

At the 8:30AM and 10:00AM worship services child care is provided
in the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers, and at
11:00AM for Infants through Toddlers. At the 11:00AM worship
service Pre-Schoolers through Kindergartners are invited to
Playful Praise in Room 102 following the Children's Time.

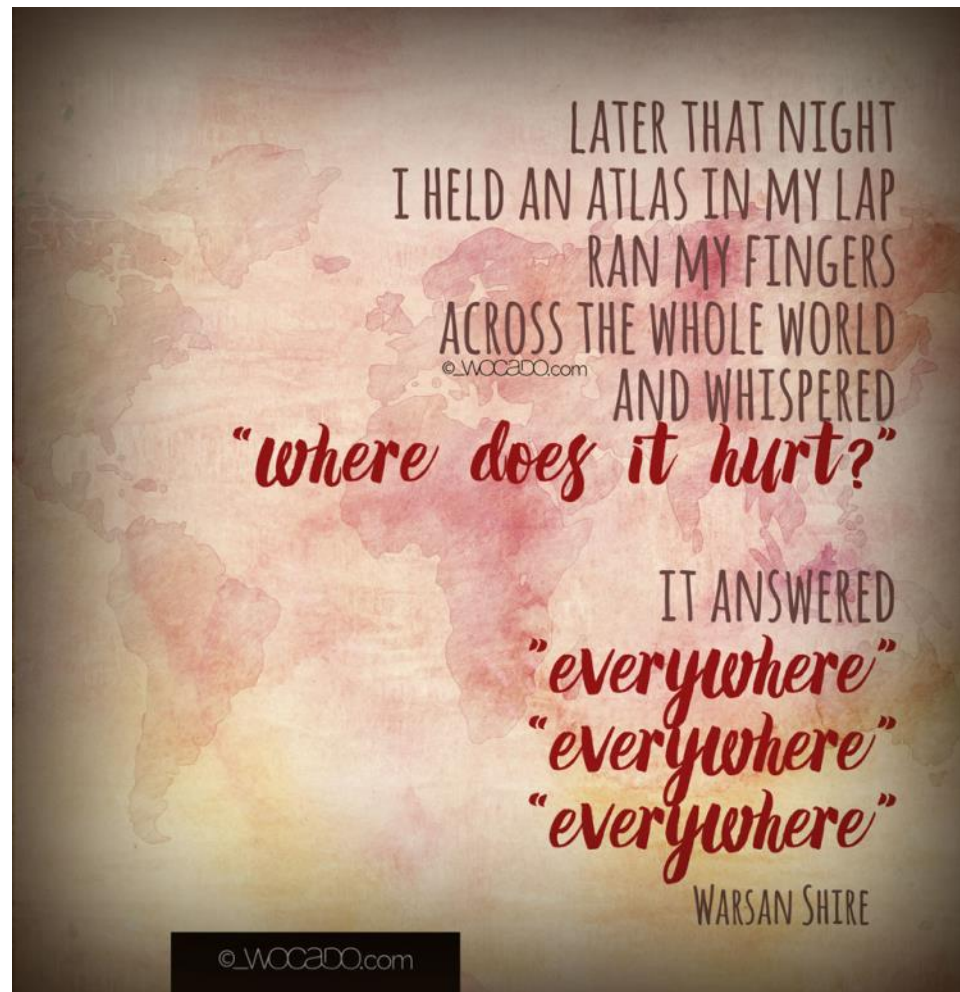
Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, Lead Pastor
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation
Roger Beitzel, Youth Director

Beth Best, Director, Chancel Choir
Megan Marconi / Tim Scates, Co-Directors, Worship Band
Kelly Markwell, Director, Bellissimo
Karyn Holstead, Director, Jr. Choir
Kathleen Hermansen, Organist

Sunday Worship Services:

8:30a Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir
9:45a Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation
10:00a Communion Service
11:00a Contemporary Worship with Worship Band

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"If Only"

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**Indicates congregation stands
bold type indicates to read in unison*

PRELUDE *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* - Moser

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT SONG (TFWS #2090, verse 1)

Light the Advent candle one:

Now the waiting has begun;

we have started on our way,

time to think of Christmas day.

Candle, candle, burning bright,

Shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright,

Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

From ages past, no one has heard,

No ear has perceived,

No eye has seen any God beside you.

We come and worship the God who was, and is,

and is to come!

***HYMN** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (v.1 & 2) UMH #211

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Holy and loving God, your will is that no one shall hurt or destroy, yet your world is filled with violence and strife; we cry out to you in longing and hope. We pray for our suffering world, that God, who is often hidden, may be revealed to us and to all. We long to see as you see, and love as you love, God of mercy, God of peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

(Brian Wren)

***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-12 (CEB)

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1:16-19 (CEB)

SERMON

"If Only"

Rev. Sherry Steele

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation/Confession and Assurance

UMH p.12

A Sung Communion Liturgy for the Season of Advent

(insert)

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Hymns During Communion

UMH #626, 620

***CLOSING HYMN** *"There's a Spirit in the Air"* (v.1 & 6) UMH #192

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Bethlehem"

- arranged by Johnson

Please leave your offering & pledge cards in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary as you leave today.