

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## Welcome

### \*Passing the Peace

#### Prelude

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** (insert) *Arnold & Phyllis Williams*

\*Opening Hymn #209 *Blest Be the God of Israel*

### \*Centering Prayer

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- the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation, the one who comes as a servant wrapped in the clothes of humility. Amen.

**Anthem** *Sing of Mary* arr. James Laster  
*Sanctuary Choir*

**Ministry of the Word** Isaiah 64 (selected verses, NLT)

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

People: "Thanks be to God."

**Sermon** "The Highway of Reversal" Rev. Bates  
Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-56 (NLT)

## Invitation

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

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## Offering & Offertory

### \*Doxology (#94)

**The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH pg. 17)

### The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing of the Bread & Cup

### Prayer After Receiving

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence and may you be our priority. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn #206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*