

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
East Avenue and Dillon St. Baltimore, Md.
The Rev. W. Scott Hengen III - Pastor
Mr. Robert Gundlach Director of Music
Sunday, December 7, 1980

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ALTERNATE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION, p.32

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers
Prelude: "A Lovely Rose Is Blooming" Brahms
*Processional Hymn 94
*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 46:1-3 (p.501)
*Gloria Patri

Pastor: The Season of Advent is here.

People: We prepare ourselves for Christ's coming.

Pastor: We proclaim His coming in human form and into our personal lives anew.

People: He comes to proclaim good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captive, healing to the sick, and justice to the downtrodden.

Pastor: And He comes with faith, joy, hope, and new life to those who respond with repentance and turn from their evil ways to Him.

People: We respond, then, with our confession. We seek to turn from our evil ways. And we turn to Him and His light for new direction in our total lives.

All: As Father, O God, in sending your Son You have shown your fatherly love for us. As Son, O God, You have shown You are one with us. And as Holy Spirit, O God, You are present here to help us fulfill our destiny. Take from us our faults. Help us to see better our mistakes. Point us to the humility of a helpless infant child that we may see our own abuses of power. Turn our selfishness into gifts of love. Remake our lives into examples of personal caring. And develop us into a community of outreaching concern so we can use our strengths and our abilities to proclaim the good news of Your Coming. In Jesus'

name we pray.

Amen

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People Sing: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: In spite of our sinfulness, one fact remains unchanged, that fact is the forgiving love God has had for us in the past and has for us right now. And He will always have this love for us. That good news brings each of us to a new life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Praise Versicle (No. 517)

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

People Sing: And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

Hymn for Advent (See insert)

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Isa. 11:1-10 (p.610)

Epistle: Rom. 15:4-9 (p.154)

*Gloria Tibi #497

*Gospel: Matt. 3:1-12 (p. 8)

*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "The Compassion of Christ's Coming"

*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)

Hymn (Lighting of the Advent Candle) 95

Announcements and Moments of Concern - Youth Group

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Alas My God, My Sins Are Great"

*Dedication of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

7:45 a.m. - "The Lord Is My Shepherd" -

Jackie and John Bond, Florence Gundlach

10:30 a.m. - "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"
- Senior Choir

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Eucharistic Prayer and Seraphic Hymn 522

Lord's Prayer and Agnus Dei 525

The Holy Communion

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Benediction
 *Recessional Hymn 113
 Silence and Meditation
 Postlude: "O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig" Bach
 *Congregation Standing
 **Please sign Communion Card
 ***Please leave Hymn Insert Sheet in the Pew

CHOIR ANTHEM

"LO HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING"

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
 From tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming
 As men of old have sung.
 It came a Flow'ret bright
 Amid the cold of winter,
 When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 The Rose I have in mind,
 With Mary we behold it,
 The Virgin Mother kind.
 To show God's love aright,
 She bore to men a Savior
 When half spent was the night.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The front pew on both sides of the center aisle is reserved today for those who prefer to receive the Holy Communion in the pew or are unable to enter the Chancel.

Altar Flowers today are a "Love Gift" to the Church in loving memory of mother, Mrs. Inez McGeoch on her birthday, December 11. Presented from Earl, Roberta, Rob and Lynn Jackson.



*O send out thy light and thy truth
 Psalm 43:3*