

1. Prelude & Greetings

2. *Gathering Music

Above All

Above all powers. Above all kings. Above all nature and all created things. Above all wisdom and all the ways of man. You were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms Above all thrones. Above all wonders the world has ever known. Above all wealth and treasures of the earth. There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified Laid behind the stone. You lived to die. Rejected and alone. Like a rose trampled on the ground. You took the fall. And thought of me. Above all.

God is Good. All the time.

Refrain: God is good. All the time. God put a song of praise in this heart of mine. God is good. All the time. Through the darkest night, God's light will shine. God is good. God is good. All the time (x2).

If you're walking through the valley. There are shadows all around. Do not fear, God will guide you. God will keep you safe and sound. God has promised to never leave you. Or forsake you, and God's word is true (Refrain).

We were sinners and so unworthy. Still for us God chose to die. Fill us with God's Holy Spirit. Now we can stand and testify. That God's love is everlasting. And God's mercies, they will never end (Refrain).

Though I may not understand. All the plans you have for me. My life is in your hands. And through the eyes of faith I can clearly see (Refrain).

3. *Call to Worship

Come, people of faith, come join your hearts in worship.

We hear the invitation and hunger to join in the feast.

God is faithful and calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, who is the Christ.

We come to join with those who watch and wait and celebrate. Amen.

4. Silent Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Patient, everlasting source of life, we know that you are present with those who gladly do what's right; we know that you remember those who remember you; we know that your judgment is just. We hunger for the assurance of your love, but in our hearts we feel unclean. We fear that the acts we think so righteous are more like filthy bits of cloth, unfit to dress a wound or to clothe the naked. Do not be angry beyond measure, O holy and loving champion of the forgotten. Do not remember our sins forever, but embrace us with your love, for we are all your people, even though we so often forget.

Let us fear not, for our creator is the loving maker of every thought and thing. We are the clay; each one of us is being formed by God's all-loving hand, crafted for a

purpose and cherished as a vessel made for love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

5. *Hymn UMH 211, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vss 1-3)

1. *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. *O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show; and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]*

3. *O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]*

6. Announcements, Joys and Reasons to be Grateful!

7. Advent Candle Lighting TFWS 2090 (v.1) – Tatenda & Prosper

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.*

8. Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

9. Children's Message

(As children come forward) *Yes, Jesus loves us (x 3). The Bible tells us so.*

(As children return) *God is watching over you, watching over you, watching over you. God is watching over you each day.*

10. Sermon

Pastor Sunmin

11. *Hymn

UMH 217, *Away in a Manger*

1. *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

2. *The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

3. *Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

12. Offering

UMH 94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

13. *Prayer of Dedication

Great God of wonderful surprises, we enter this season of preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. Help us to give ourselves generously, for you have been generous in the past and you will be so all the time. Amen.

14. The Lord's Supper

UMH 15.

15. Prayer Concerns

*"Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**"*

16. Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

17. *Hymn

UMH 580, *Lead On, O King Eternal* (vs. 2)

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

18. *Benediction & Postlude

* : Please rise if you feel comfortable

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (*red/blue*)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (*black*)

WS: Worship & Song (*green*)

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*Monday is Pastor's Day-Off.



The United Methodist Church of Newton



December 3, 2023
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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