## Order of Worship

#### Welcome

**Opening Song** Blessed Be Your Name

#### Sharing the Peace of Christ

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Hofius Family

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Jamyson Joy Hofius

#### Children's Message

#### Jody Peterson

Following the children's message children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to attend Sunday School in the education wing. Children will return to worship before the end of the service.

### **Prayers of the People**

Scan QR code to submit your prayers to display on screen during worship



Invitation to Give Guiding Light by Mumford and Sons

#### Scripture

lsaiah 2:1-5 Mark 13:24-37

#### Message

"Out of the Blue: Songs of Hope" Rev. Jenny Cannon

#### Holy Communion & Candlelighting

*I'll Fly Away* All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and nonalcoholic grape juice. Gluten free also available.

#### Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Song How Long

**Connections & Next Steps** 

Blessing

#### **Congregational Prayers**

- Gratitude for our connection with United Methodist Churches around the globe
- For World Aids Day observed on December 1
- For the family of Mr. Lynn Behnke who died November 26
- For students studying for exams
- For Suzi Mueller on the death of her mother, Frances Friedrich, on November 29th

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Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

<u>**Children in Worship**</u> Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available at both ECC entrances. A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

#### **Christmas Anonymous Volunteers Needed**

Christmas Anonymous is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of shifts. Sign up and learn more at <u>ChristmasAnonymous.org</u>. A list of items currently needed is available to view at the visitors desk in the commons or on our website.

#### All Church Read and Study Book

**for Advent** Hope Is Here! by Luther E. Smith Jr. Group conversations will be held on December 3, 10 and 17 from 4:30–6:00 pm in Room 145 and on Zoom. Books are available in the church office for \$15.00, or you can purchase the eBook on Kindle for \$11.49.



<u>UWF Cookie Orders</u> Today, and on December 10th you can place your orders at the UWF table in the Commons for cookies. The orders are by weight 1/2 pound(\$10), 1 pound (\$20), 1 1/2 pounds (\$30), 2 pounds (\$35) & Pantry Party Mix (\$9 per quart). Gluten free also available. **Orders need to be in by December 10th** & pick up on December 17th from 8:30am to 12pm. Order forms are in the Commons & the church office.

**<u>Giving Tree</u>** This year we will collect items for the Resource Room of the Rochester Alternative Learning Center. You can take an ornament from the tree & bring the requested items back through December 31st.

2023 Advent Devotional This year's Advent devotional is Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent. Hard copies are in the church office or contact Samantha at <u>samantha@cumethodist.com</u> to receive a weekly devotional email.



<u>We Are Hiring!</u> CUMC is hiring a Pastor of Congregational Care and a Principal Organist. Learn more about these positions and apply at <u>cumethodist.com/career-opportunities</u>.

<u>The Upper Room Disciplines 2024</u> The Upper Room Disciplines devotional book for 2024 is now available for purchase in the church office. Small print is \$13 and large print is \$15. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room, or \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle.



**CHECK IN & CONNECT WITH US!** Thanks for worshipping with us! Scan the QR code and let us know you're here!





# 11am Arise Worship

December 3, 2023

# out of the BLUE

an advent series

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With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we welcome people of all races, nationalities, theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect.

We welcome you and name the sacred power of the Wahpeton people on whose land we stand