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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Woody Johnson

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jan Jarrell and Sue Corbett

...take hold in our hearts and stretch towards the light.

We light a candle for hope. May it light the way.

*Gathering Song

Watchman, Tell us of the Night

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Watchman, tell us of the night,
what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night;
higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

*Call to Confession

Peter Sokolich, Lay Reader

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules. We are captivated by technology and seduced by the lure of consumer goods. We do not remain alert to your presence in our lives. Make us better doorkeepers who watch for you. Awaken us to your surprising peace, so we do not miss how near you are to our very gates.

**Be gracious toward us until we are gathered from the ends of earth to the ends of heaven,
into your embrace. We pray in the name of Christ who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Glori Patri **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture	Mark 13:24-27, 32-37	See insert
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Special Music	Come O Jesus, Holy One	Chancel Choir
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Scripture	Isaiah 64:1-9	(A Responsive Reading)
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O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³**When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.**

⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

**But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.**

⁶**We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.**

**We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.**

⁷There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸**Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.**

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Message The Prophet's Voice Rev. Edward Dunn

*Responding Song Change My Heart, O God 695

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart O God, may I be like you.

Receiving our Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer

* Sending Song Watchman, Tell us of the night 97

**Watchman, tell us of the night,
for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight;
doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way;
hasten to your quiet home.**

**Traveler, we rejoice today,
for Emmanuel has come!**

***Blessing**

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

Mark Allebach