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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 6, 2020 WORSHIP

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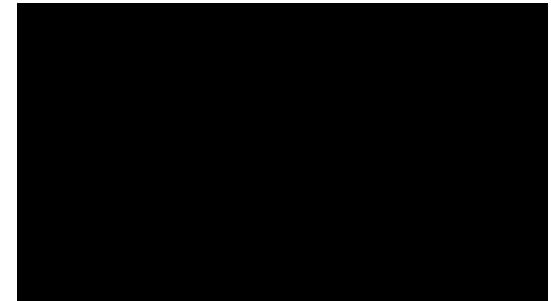
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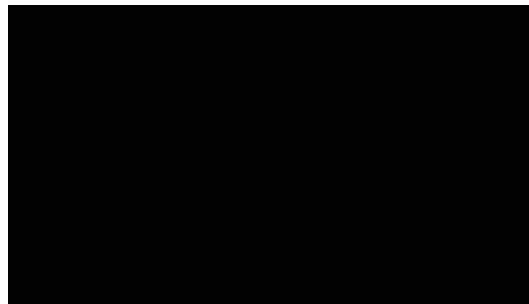
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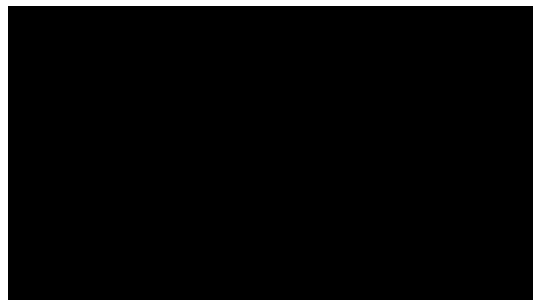
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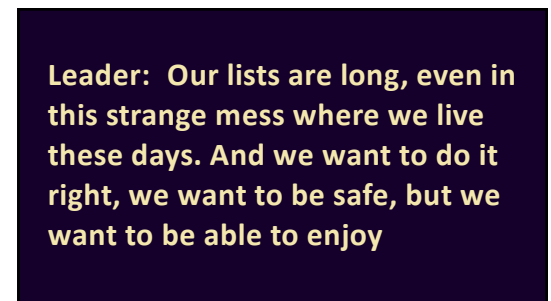
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Leader: Our lists are long, even in
this strange mess where we live
these days. And we want to do it
right, we want to be safe, but we
want to be able to enjoy

the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

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The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." John the

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Baptist made Isaiah's message urgent: when God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

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So, we light these candles as a sign that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for that God to come and dwell with us.

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Let us clear away the clutter in our relationships, make straight the path, fix up the house, and find peace.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus v1

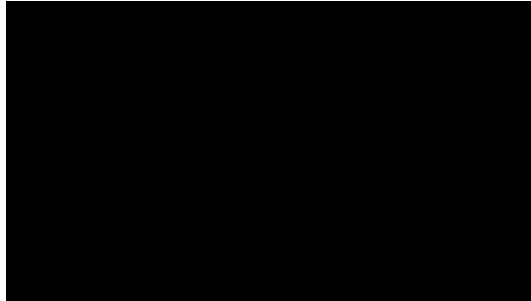
UMC Hymnal #196, Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Rowland Prichard

*(v1) Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.*

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*Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

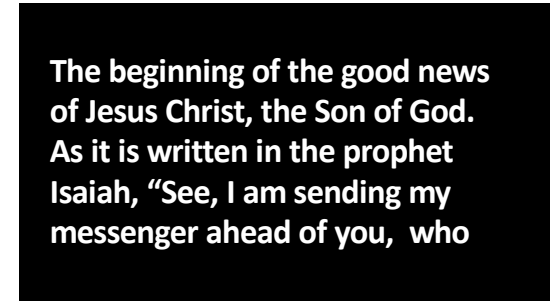
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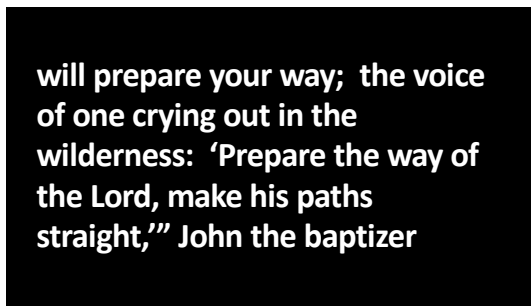
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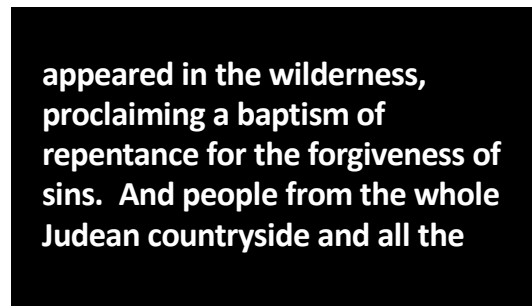
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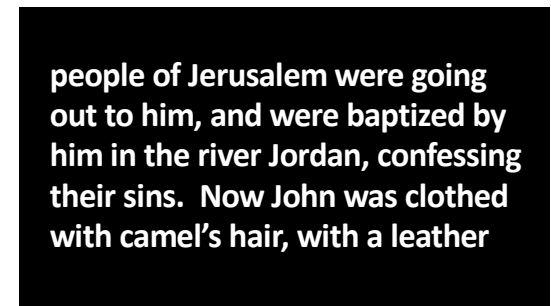
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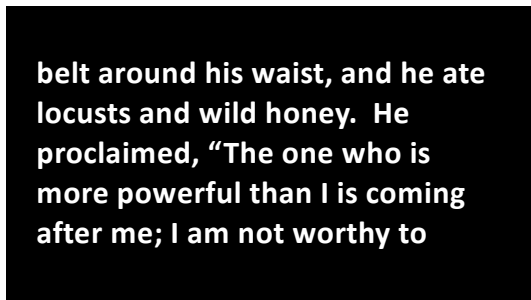
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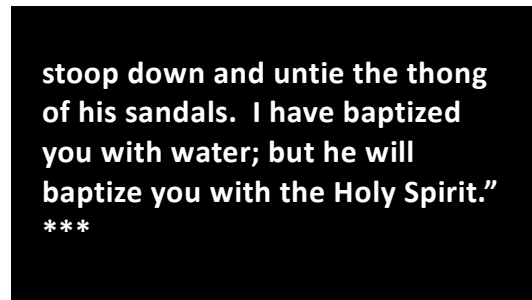
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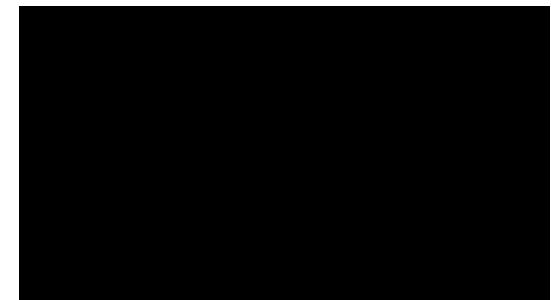
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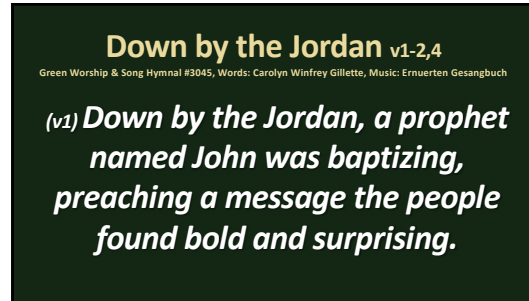


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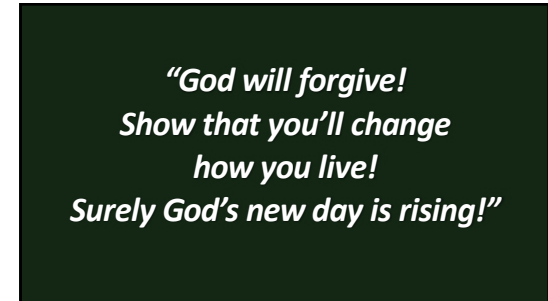


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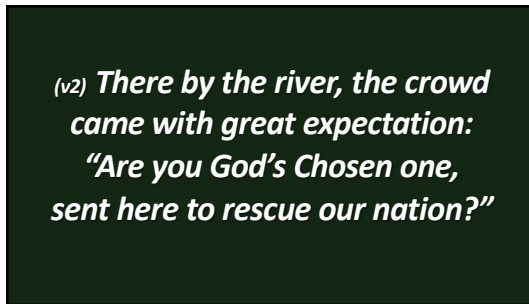
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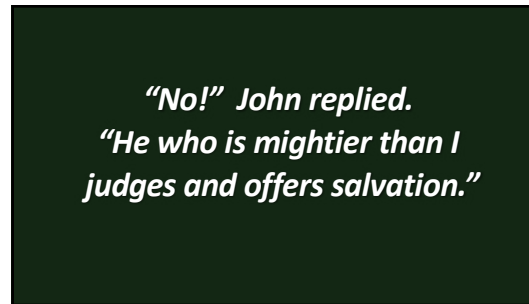
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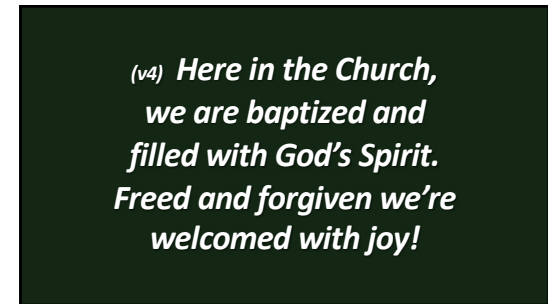
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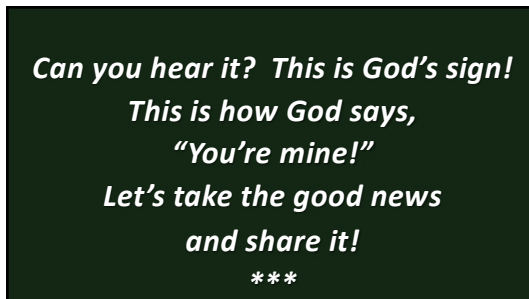
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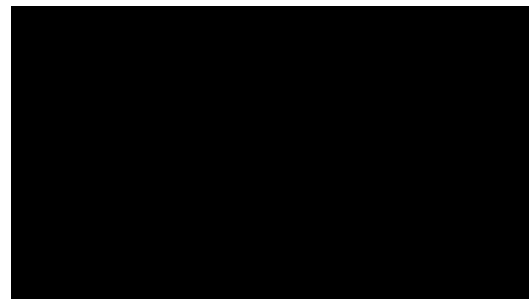
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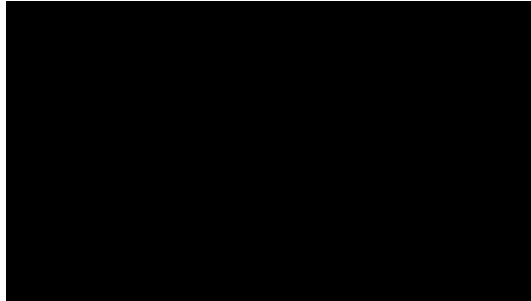


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Children's Time

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**COMMISSIONING OF
STEPHEN LEADERS**

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**CALL AND
RESPONSIBILITIES**



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COMMISSIONING



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COMMISSIONING



Pastor: Members of OUMC,
will you open your hearts to
the ministry of these Stephen

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COMMISSIONING




Leaders and pray for them
as servants of Christ?

People: Yes, with the help of God.


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COMMISSIONING



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PRAYER



Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have called
these people to a new path in

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PRAYER

caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their service and a spirit of

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PRAYER

bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing

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PRAYER

servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and

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PRAYER

your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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BLESSING

Pastor: May the Lord of the church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you, so that you may be faithful in the

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BLESSING

ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained, and sent.

People: Amen.

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BLESSING

Pastor: As our new Stephen Leaders go forth to minister, let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired their

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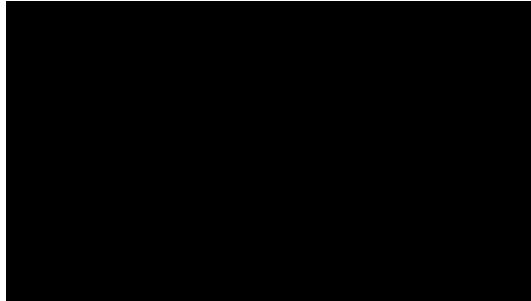
response to God's call, and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry.

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BLESSING

People: Go in peace, and serve the Lord. Amen.

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People: Into the dark depths of our fear and anguish, you, O Lord, reach out to us. We need your guidance this day, for we have found it far too easy to stray into

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selfish pathways. We seek first our own comfort; we gather our toys and trinkets and proclaim that all is right with the world, yet our hearts feel strangely discomforted.

58

Guide us and gather us, Lord. Teach us again to be people of peace and hope. Help us to cast off the mantle of greed and hatred. Forgive us for the many

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times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts

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and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. Help us again to hear

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the voice of one who cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

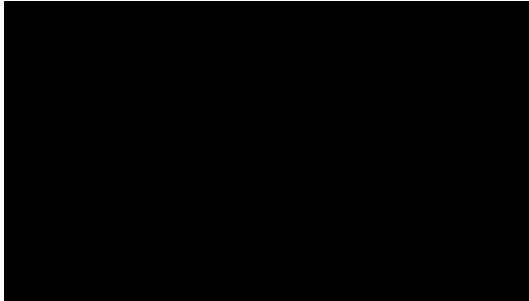
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(silent confessions)

Leader: God's forgiving love has been poured upon each one of us. Hear the good news! You are healed and forgiven!

People: Amen.

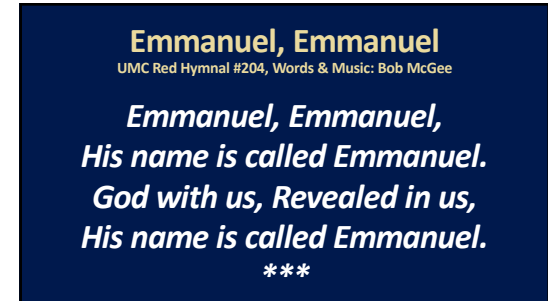
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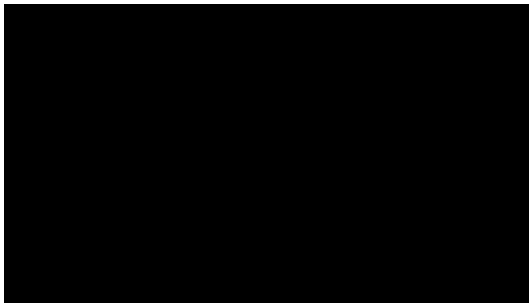
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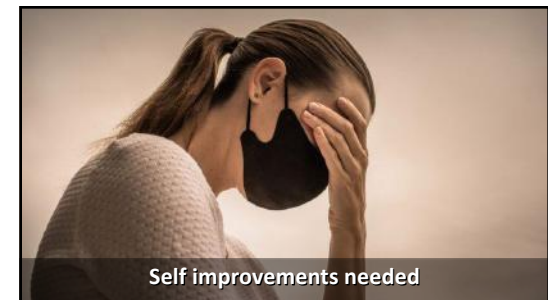
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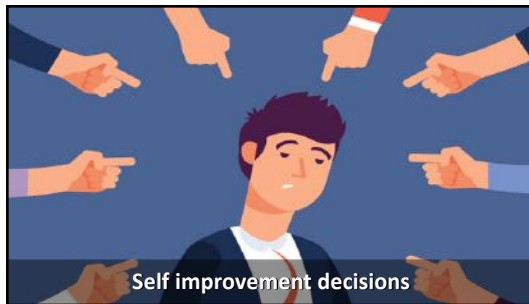
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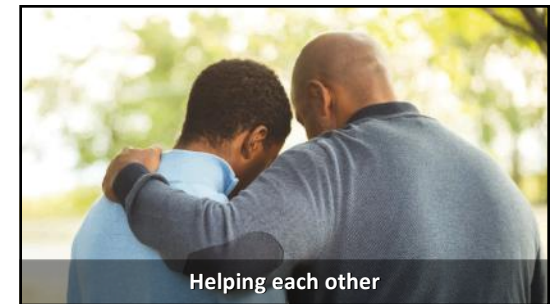
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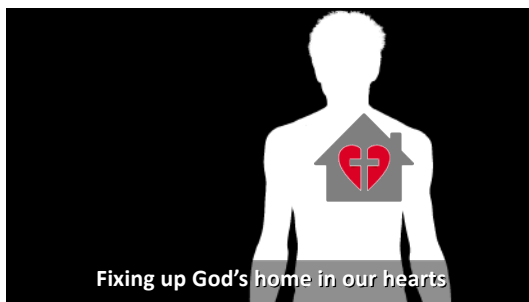
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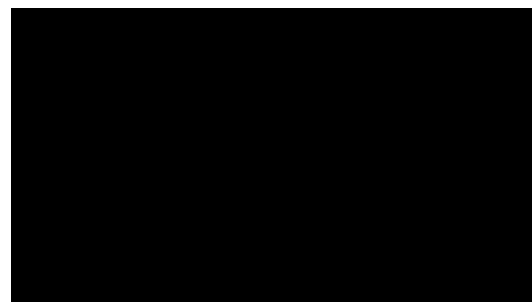
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v1,5-6)UMC Red Hymnal page 211, Text: Henry Sloane Coffin, Music: 15th cent. French

*(v1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

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*(r) Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel.*

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*(v5) O come, thou Key of
David, come,
And open wide
our heavenly home.*

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*The captives from
their prison free,
And conquer death's
deep misery.*

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*(r) Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel.*

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*(v6) O come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer
Our spirits by thy
justice here;*

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*Disperse the gloomy
clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows
put to flight.*

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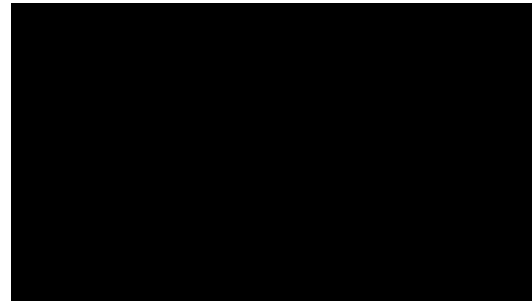
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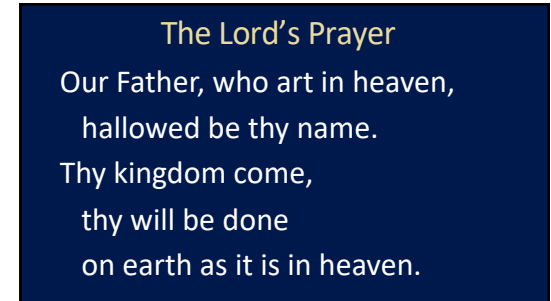
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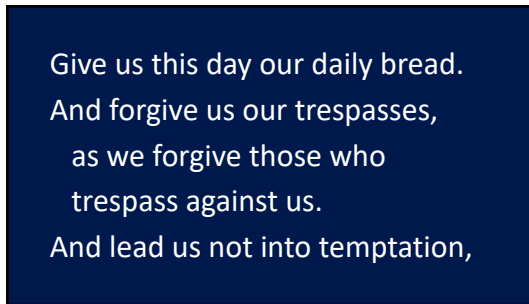
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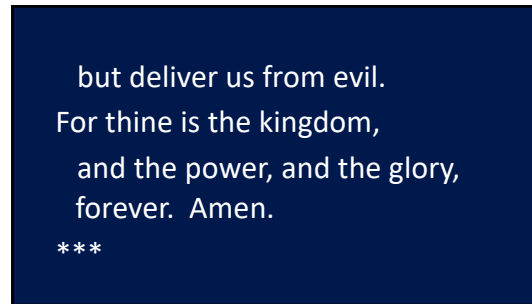
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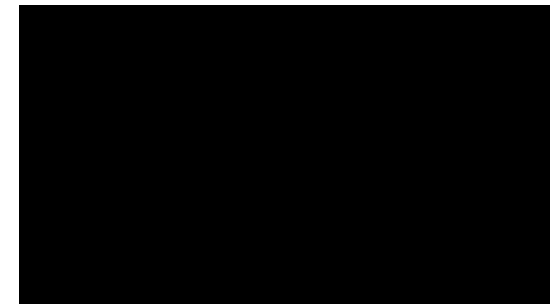
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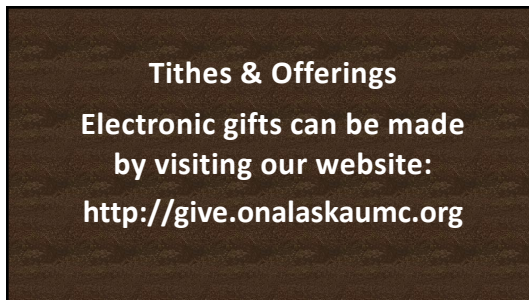
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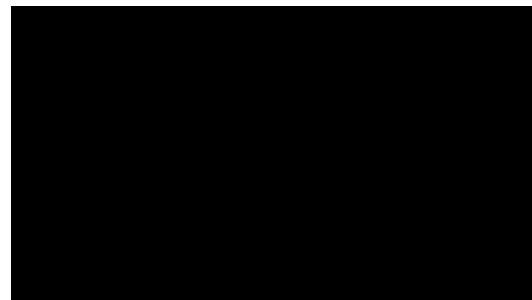
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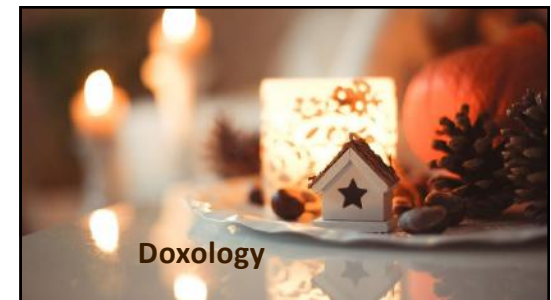
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*Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures
here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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*Praise God, the source
of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ****

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Prayer of
Dedication

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Invitation &
Announcements

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Communion

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Closing Song

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMC Red Hymnal, #431, Text & Music: Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

*(v1) Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.*

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*With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.*

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*Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow;*

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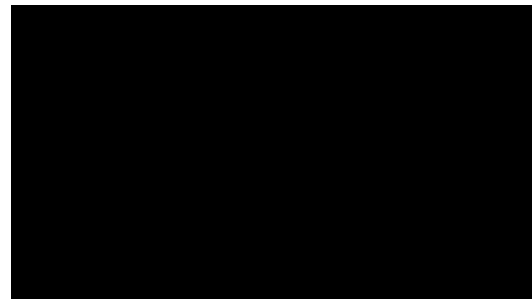
*To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.*

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Benediction

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Choral Benediction

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