

Milwaukee Mennonite Church December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent Restore us, O God. Let your face shine that we may be saved. Psalm 80:3

Gathering

VT 878 Land Acknowledgment

Insert: Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Ottawa, Fox, Ho-chunk, Menominee, Sauk and Oneida

Announcements

Call to Worship

VT 210 "O Come O Come, Immanuel", v. 1

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us. God is our strength and our salvation!

People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear. Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you, to comfort you, to keep you.

Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love.

Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.

All: Praise the Lord.

VT 210 "O Come O Come, Immanuel", vs. 3 and 4

Candle Lighting

Leader: We cry out for restoration; we call upon God to give us life.

People: Do not be afraid, says the Lord. I have promised to be with you.

VT 211 "Hope is a Candle" v. 1 and 4 Leader: As we hold fast to God's promises, we light this candle as a sign of our joy.

All: Bring your restoration to you people, we pray.

Confessing and Being Reconciled

VT 890 VT 850 Passing the Peace

VT 241 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1 and 2

Hearing

Children's Time Scripture Reading Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Matthew 1:18-25 Reflection - Mandy Bailey

Responding

VT 596 "Don't Be Afraid" Sharing responses to what you have heard and seen Sharing Joys and Concerns Congregational Prayer VT 653 "Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God"

Sending

Blessing

People that walk in darkness have seen a great light. Is. 9:2