

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMNS FOR GATHERING

#277 *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*
#135 *Blessed Be The God of Israel*

WELCOME Rev. Marsha McFadden Quick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES/RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Rolland

Leader: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits

Leader: We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and discord

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits

Leader: We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits

Leader: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation

All: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN #276

We Gather Together

*OPENING PRAYER

Can you hear? A voice is heard in the darkness, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Make way! Level the valleys! Straighten the paths! Prepare the way for His coming: The coming of the Lord! God, Your servant cries out to us: Repent; turn and be restored. Can you hear? God, open the ears of our souls to hear Your word of salvation. God, on the second Sunday of Advent, open wide our hearts and our minds to see, feel, hear, and know the salvation of our God. Amen.

CHILDRENS' MOMENT Pastor Marsha
(if children are present, they may come forward at this time; if there are no children, we will proceed to the lessons)

ANTHEM Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Basil and Gloria Greenleaf

All pray: Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Matthew 3: 1-12

Leader: God is still speaking

People: Spread the Good News!

SERMON **"The Wild Man"** Pastor Marsha

*HYMN #125 *Come, O Long-expected Jesus*

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, we have been called to prepare the way—not with
platitudes, but with changed hearts and lives. In this
season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as
signs that we long to live by Your story. Use them and use
us to bear fruit worthy of repentance. In the wilderness
of fear and want, may this offering clear a path for hope
to be seen, known, and shared. In the name of the one
who is coming – Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #677 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Clinton United Church of Christ

*CUCC Mission Statement Adopted May 14, 2024
Joyfully serving God, our church family, and neighbors,
near and far, with dignity, compassion, and respect.*

“The Wild Man”



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CAROLYN DICKS, ORGANIST***