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OXNAM CHAPEL
SERVICE OF WORD: "WAITING"
Monday, December 6, 2021

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?

Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

OPENING WORSHIP (ADORATION)

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,
and may await with joy
the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen

HYMN, UMH #216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

SONG OF DEVOTION

오직 주의 사랑에 매여(I'm Bound By Your Love Alone)

오직 주의 사랑에 매여
내 영 기뻐 찬양합니다

*I'm bound by Your love alone
My soul sings Your praises and rejoices*

이 소망의 언덕
기쁨의 땅에서
주께 사랑 드립니다

*With Your hope on this mount
With Your joy on this earth
Lord, I give my love to You.*

오직 주의 임재안에 갇혀
내영 기뻐 찬양합니다

*I'm surrounded by Your presence, Lord
My soul sings Your praises and rejoices*

이 소명의 언덕
거룩한 땅에서
주께 경배드립니다

*With Your calling on this mount
With Your work on holy ground
Lord, I worship You, my God.*

주께서 주신 모든 은혜
나는 말할 수 없네

*For Your immeasurable grace for me
Is too marvelous to explain in words*

내 영혼 즐거이 주 따르렵니다
주께 내 삶드립니다

*My soul, I confess, will follow You to the end.
Lord, I give my life to You.*

SERMON

Redemptive Hope

REV. DR. DANIEL PARK

God of presence, be with those in search of freedom, especially those in North and South Korea, Syria, Afghanistan, and other places in war and strife.

God of deliverance, deliver and liberate those experiencing bondage.

God of comfort, be with those who experience loneliness and are seeking comfort.

God of safety, keep your people safe from harm.

God who responds to our grief, be with those and us as we experience grief and loss.

God of freedom and emancipation, free your people as you have done so many times before, be with them as they seek and wait for freedom and emancipation.

HOLY COMMUNION

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And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...

Through your son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever,
Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING FORTH

Who are we and what do we do?

We go out to be God's people in the world.

* CLOSING SONG

**All who are able, please stand.*

"UMH" indicates that the hymn can be found in the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

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"Call to Worship" <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2021>

"Opening prayer" in the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

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Covid Safety

Welcome to Oxnam Chapel. We gather to worship each Tuesday at noon. Please use face masks (except when leading worship). As you enter, please sign in.

Rev. Cathy Abbott, Chapel Elder

Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Daniel Park, Campus Pastor, Restoration Church in Reston, Va.

Chapel Elder: Rev. Cathy Abbott

Liturgist: Rev. Jihoon Park

Liturgy Assistant: Evan Taylor

Call to Worship and Candle Lighting: Paul Thorne-Keziah

Scripture Reader: Katherine Ki

Prayer: Rev. Jihoon Park

Musical Leader: Dr. Thomas Tyler, Chapel Choir, Rev. Jisu Jang

Praise band: Jisu Jang, Tae Hwan Roh, Samuel Park, Janis Phillips, Grace Ham, Jusung Kim

Register & Check in to join us in Oxnam Chapel

Please make sure to RSVP on Eventbrite to join us in worship at the Oxnam Chapel. Each chapel service's event will open at noon on the Wednesday prior to service and will close at the conclusion of chapel service. We are collecting your information for contact tracing in accordance with Wesley Theological Seminary's COVID-19 Policy and to share chapel programming with you. We will not share your information outside of this community.

On arrival, you will check in with ushers by providing your first and last name, they will check you in digitally on-site. Guests are welcome to register on-site with the ushers.

Coming Up in Oxnam Chapel:

Our theme is Advent for the remaining worship this semester:

- Dec. 7, Noon, Rev. Dr. Craig Hill, Dean, Perkins School of Theology, "The Great Escape?"
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Pastoral Care Available

As you discern and pursue your calling by the way of rigorous academic studies, there may be occasions when difficult and often competing demands for your time and resources become overwhelming. Rev. Dr. Lisa Banks-Williams, Program Coordinator for Student Care from the Office of Community Life is available for support, counseling, and referrals for mental health care and spiritual direction. She has office hours on Tuesdays and virtual sessions by appointment. She can be reached via email @ lbwilliams@wesleyseminary.edu. Please take the opportunity to view the resources available on the Wesley Web Student link under Pastoral Care/Mental Health.
