



MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

December 22, 2021

12pm and 6:15pm



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Love Can't Wait

COURAGE CAN'T WAIT (LOVE CAN'T WAIT)

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When people talk about love
They talk about heartbreak.
They talk about the love that got away,
And the love that left them longing.
When people talk about love
Rarely do they say, “be brave.”
I wish they would.
To love is to pull the oxygen from your lungs and to say, “Here, take a breath.”
To love is to come out from hiding,
To allow the light to shine on you.
To love is to wear your heart outside of your body—
Fingers crossed that the holder handles it with care.
To love is to trust that sometimes hurt and pain come with the territory,
But you’re going to love anyway. So love anyway.
Love like there’s no tomorrow. Love as if love is not a scarcity.
Love like Mary, who cradled a baby amidst the threat of being stoned.
And love like Joseph, who took a child in that he knew was not his own.
Of course I say all of this because I need to hear it too.
There are dusty corners of my heart that I still protect—
Love stored up like grain
While the world is in famine.
So the next time you see me,
Remind me to be brave.
The next time you see me,
Invite me to stand in the light with you.
The next time you see me,
Handle with care and maybe,
Just maybe,
We’ll find a holy and wild
Love that won’t wait.
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Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 2021

Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together: What things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires work and preparation? Our Wednesday Advent worship will be a time to imagine, prioritize, and prepare. As we wait, what can't? Love Can't Wait.

The liturgy being sung throughout Advent was first introduced earlier this year during Lent of 2021, while we worshiped virtually. Behold Our Light, by Aaron David Miller, is a beautiful collection of songs that is ensemble led.

GATHERING MUSIC

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

WELCOME

Songleader: The earth cries out, nothing feels right. The world cries out,
no justice in sight. Fires burning everywhere, too many, too hot, too bright.

All:

We are wait - ing for ___ you. ___ We are wait -
- ing for ___ you. ___ We are Wait - ing for that
glor - i - a ___ in ex - cel - sis ___ De - o. ___

Songleader: The child cries out, don't turn out the light. Broken hearts cry out,
no end of hurt in sight. Greed and guns rule everywhere, too many, too strong to fight.

All:

We are wait - ing for ___ you. ___ You are wait - ing for us
___ too. ___ We are Wait - ing for that glor - i - a ___ in ex - cel - sis
___ De - o. ___ Glor - i - a ___ in ex - cel - sis ___ De - o. ___
___ We are wait - ing for ___ you. ___
You are wait - ing for us ___ too. ___

"Waiting for You."
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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE

BIBLE READING

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7 NRSV

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

LOVE CAN'T WAIT

A POP UP NATIVITY WITH STORY AND CAROLS
STORY ADAPTED FROM THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

6:15PM BAPTISM OF OLIVER JO CHANEY-SMITH

OFFERING

WE ARE WAITING FOR JESUS

JOHN HELGEN

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.
Bring your light into our darkness;
we are trusting in your promise.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.
Good Shepherd, walk beside us;
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.

BEFORE YOU GO ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: By the tender mercy of God, love has come to be with us. Light is where once there was darkness, and hope where there was only death. May God guide your feet in the way of hope, peace, joy, and love.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

AARON DAVID MILLER

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Songleaders

Now let us go in peace. God's word has been ful -

All

Now let us go in peace.

filled. We have seen God's great sal - va - tion set in front of

God's word has been ful - filled.

all cre - a - tion. A light that saves the world, be - hold, our light has

A light that saves the world,

come. A - men.

be - hold, our light has come. A - men.

L: Go in God's love.
C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PREACHING-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ADVENT ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS**-Bob Giere, guitar; Ruth Monson, flute; Amy Adamson, cello; Kristy Giere, piano; Janette Davis and Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner, songleaders (12pm); Bob Giere, guitar; Tony Tschida, bass; Ralph Schornack, piano; Kristy Giere, flute; Janette Davis, Nicole Pittenger, Laney Limburg, Jason Bryan-Wegner, songleaders

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Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.

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