

A weary world Rejoices

Advent at MCCC: 2020

THEME: The Weary World Rejoices

I am weary. You are weary. The world is weary. We are all weary of all that 2020 has brought into our lives. This time of separation, isolation, and departure from the norms we're accustomed to have worn on us. The health, political, and economic turmoil has been wearing on individuals, families, businesses, and communities. All of us are weary and long for a new future to begin. At the same time, there is still so very much to rejoice about. Together we've discovered the many parts of our lives we've taken for granted. We're found creative ways to connect with one another and gathered new skills to navigate the realities we've faced. We've seen that despite the circumstances, God is still moving, healing, loving the world in transformational ways.

Our theme this year is "The Weary World Rejoices" borrowing the phrase from that beautiful carol, "O Holy Night." This Advent we are all looking for that "new and glorious morn" to break and the "thrill of hope" to give us the lift we need to get through. A long, long time ago, the world was weary of the struggle, the injustice, the pain...and God surprised them with hope found in a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. May you find peace, hope, joy, and love as you hear the story again this Christmas!

9:30am Sunday Advent Worship Services experienced via...

- *Worship at the Windows (Join us at the church building) and YouTube Live*
- *Online Only - YouTube Video/Zoom Watch Party*

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, Nov 29	Advent One - <i>Weary of the Waiting (Isaiah 64:1-4)</i> Worship at the Windows and YouTube Live
Sunday, Dec 6	Advent Two - <i>Weary of the Hostility (Isaiah 11:1-10)</i> Worship at the Windows and YouTube Live
Sunday, Dec 13	Advent Three - <i>Rejoicing in God's Comfort (Isaiah 61:1-4)</i> Worship at the Windows and YouTube Live <i>Look for the MCCC Blue Christmas Video this week...</i>
Sunday, Dec 22	Advent Four - <i>Rejoicing in God's Peace (Micah 5:2-5)</i> <i>Children's Pageant</i> <i>ONLINE only - YouTube and Zoom Watch Party</i>
Thurs, Dec 24	7:00pm - MCCC Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at the Windows