

### **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## *Come Down Home*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES



### **CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

First Sunday in Advent  
December 3, 2017

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## PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (using “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” stanza 1, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 211)

**All [sung]:** “O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.”

Leader: God of justice and peace, healing and comfort, we see all that is wrong and wonder where you are.

**PEOPLE:** We are a broken people, unable to work together for our common good. We cannot see or hear each other even within our own families and communities.

Leader: We are a suffering world, our nations are filled with conflict and violence. The fragile earth cries out with longing for redemption.

**PEOPLE:** We, God’s people, long for God’s presence, saying with the prophet: “If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!” (Isaiah 64:1, CEB)

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us of our longing that God will come into the world, bringing justice and peace, comfort and healing.

*Light a candle.*

**All [refrain]:** “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

**\*HYMN -** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #196 UMH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** “On Eagle’s Wings #143 UMH

## OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY-** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings” #95 UMH

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**\*HYMN -** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” #382 UMH

**SERMON –** “The Advent Moments of Life”

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** (*insert*)

**\*HYMN -** “People Look East” #202 UMH

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE –** “As We Go” (*insert*)

## PASSING THE PEACE

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Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!*

*We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*

