**ADVENT WEEK FOUR**

**Awaiting Restoration: Yahweh Reveals the Way of Restoration**

December 23, 2018

**GATHERING**
H 180 The Angel Gabriel

SS 12 Magnificat

Call to worship and opening prayer

**PRAISING**
Psalm 80:1-7

SS 13 Sing we a song of high revolt

H 482 Mothering God, you gave us birth

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT**
 Leader:  Yahweh, teach us your way of restoration.
 **All**: **Yahweh, come among us.**
 Leader: As we watch for the light, may we find you already

 awaiting us in the darkness, breathing restoration into us and

 into the world.

Processional – SS 7 Come, come Emmanuel

 Leader: Friends, don’t be afraid. Yahweh is coming.
 **All**: **Yahweh is coming.**

 Leader: Restoration is growing toward new birth.

Offering SJ 13 My soul is filled with joy

**HEARING THE WORD**
*The Visitation* by Malcolm Guite

Children’s time

See whose glory fills the skies (handout)

Luke 1:39-55

Sermon- “Here I Am”

**REFLECTING**
Music for reflection

Sharing/response and prayer

**SPREADING THE LIGHT**Announcements

Sending song

Hail! Mary, sing and dance (on back of this order of worship)

Benediction

**Thanks to this morning’s many worship leaders:**

Advent processional: Tilly Schramm, Cecylia Gomez Wengerd. Song leader: Eric Kurtz. Musicians: Bev Lapp, Mitch Rhodes, Bill Mateer, Mary Gilbert, Jeanne Liechty. Worship leader: Lora Nafziger; Children’s time: Kathy Meyer Reimer; Sermon: Anna Yoder Schlabach. Readers: Jadyn Good Kaufmann, Deanna Risser; Pastoral prayer: Karl Shelly. Visual: Ben Nelson, Anna and Brian Yoder Schlabach, banner by late Assembly member Beth Miller.

**2nd Hour:** Please join us for a hymn sing of our Christmas/Advent/ Magnificat favorites here in the worship space

**Advent 2018 Announcements**

* **Christmas Eve service** and soup & bread supper will be held December 24th at 6pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the round table in the gathering space so we know how many tables to set up. You can also indicate if you would like to bring a food item or help set up or clean up. Come at 5:30 if you would like to learn the candle dance. We still need people!
* **The Christmas Eve children’s play** is in need of non-speaking animals, wise people and shepherds. If your child (preschool-middle school) will be at the Christmas Eve service and wants to be involved, meet in the worship space after 2nd hour today for a brief run through. Costumes provided. No experience necessary.
* **Next Sunday, December 30** we will hold our annual Christmas breakfast at 9:30am. Bring festive finger foods to share! Coffee, tea, paper plates and napkins will be provided. Worship will begin at 10:30am, and there will be no 2nd hour or Sunday school.