**Teaching Series: Following Jesus**

**Call To Worship for Community Gatherings 11/19-12/01**

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| **Leader**: |  | We come here from a world draped in darkness |
| **All**: |  | **Into a world illuminated by Christ’s light** |
| **Leader**: |  | We come from a world of weariness |
| **All**: |  | **Into God’s strength and peace** |
| **Leader**: |  | We come from a slumbering world |
| **All**: |  | **We come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ**  *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the*  *Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now*  *And will be forever. World without end. Amen.* |

*Suggested Songs*

“O Come O Come Emmanuel” – Traditional Hymn

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” – Traditional Hymn

“Come As You Are” -- David Crowder

“Come Thou Fount” – All Sons and Daughters

**Prayer:**

*Break into groups of 2-3 and share something you are grateful for and something that you would like to let go. Lay hands and prayer for one another*

**Read Luke 1: 5-23; 57-80**

*Recap of last week’s sermon, a brief reflection or devotion on the topic of Discipleship*

**Advent Teaching Series: Living in the In-Between**

**December 2-9: “Peace in the Middle” – Discussion Questions**

1. What stands out to you from Zechariah’s song?
2. Have you ever experienced fear or uncertainty? What was that like?
3. Is there something you have ever had to wait for? Wait for in a way that is almost unbearable.
4. What does “the peace of God” mean to you?
5. What is the conclusion or finale of our story, the worlds story, that we can look forward to? Why should that give us peace?
6. How can we share this peace with those around us?

**Communion Liturgy**

*Now we are about to enter into a time of Communion. During Communion we remember Christ’s life, ministry, and sacrifice for us. We also give thanks to God for his Salvation that we are all invited to enjoy and participate in.*

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread and blessed it and said,

“This is my Body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also he took the cup, after super, saying,

“This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Now Father, pour our you Spirit on these gifts that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus, poured out and broken for the life of the world. And pour our your Spirit on us gathered here that we may be the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, and a light to the world. Amen.

*Pass the bread and the cup around the circle so that each person serves his/her neighbor.*

Suggested Songs: Amazing Grace, Nothing But the Blood, You Make Beautiful Things, The Doxology

**Continue to Worship as you enjoy good friends, good food, and good conversation!**

**Blessing:**

*Family of God:*

*May your eyes be open in order to see his grace*

*May your hearts be open in order to receive it*

*And may your hands be open and your lives be free*

*So that you may GIVE IT AWAY TO OTHERS in great abundance.*

*As you have also received freely and in great abundance!*

*In the name of the one who humbled himself on the cross we pray*

*the name of Jesus….amen.*