

***Doxology** UMH 94

Announcements

Hymn of Preparation O Little Town of
Bethlehem pg 230

Reading the Word Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45
Luke 1:46-55

Response
The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Meditation

The Sending Song Love Came Down at
Christmas pg 242

***Blessing**

Blessing Song Emmanuel pg 204

***Please stand**

**“Whoever you are, and wherever you may
be on your journey of faith, you are loved
by God and welcome here.”**



Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



Pastor: Rev. Pam Meese
Homily: Mr. Rooe Simpson
Liturgist: Ms. Barb White
Lector: Ms. Louise Johnson
Music Director: Ms. Janice Nations

December 22, 2024 - 10:30 am
“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Welcome

Prelude

Carol Medley

***Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle, LOVE**

Reader One: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O [fill in name of church or community], from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

All: **God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.**

Reader Two: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

***Opening Hymn**

Once in Royal David’s City
pg 250

***Invocation**

God of light, in who is no darkness, in our darkest days we come to you seeking enlightenment and the guidance of the Spirit as you speak to us through your Word, written and human in Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray. Amen.

Call to Prayer

O Come Let Us Adore Him

The Prayers of the People

**Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries
Our Joys and Concerns**

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation To Offering

The Offertory

Carol of the Bells