

# Living into the Promise liturgy

November & December, 2017 – *Worship in the Blessing Room*



*Sabbath Candle, Irving Amen b.1918*



## **MCC Purpose Statement**

The purpose of the Madison Christian Community  
is to live faithfully and lovingly  
with God, Neighbor and Creation!



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## **All are welcome!**

In the Spirit of Jesus, our community extends welcome to people of all ages, races, abilities, religious and denominational backgrounds, gender identities and expressions, and sexual orientations. Advent is a Reconciled in Christ congregation and Community of Hope is an Open and Affirming congregation.

As a congregation that has committed to offer sanctuary, we trust in God embracing all of us regardless of ethnic or national identity, citizenship status, legal standing, or criminal history.

*If you haven't been here before, you might like to know...*

- \* Large Print Bulletins, hearing assistance devices, as well as Bible reading/coloring sheets and prayer request slips (to be shared during Prayers of Intercession) are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- \* An all-gender bathroom is located in the fellowship area, by the kitchen.
- \* All ages are welcome in worship, but a staffed nursery for those under 5 is also available downstairs.
- \* Please sign the guest book near the informational white board and stay for visiting and a cup of coffee or tea. Newsletters and website include the current worship schedule for our congregations.

## **A Word About Our Partnership** — Madison Christian Community

Advent Lutheran (ELCA) and Community of Hope (UCC) are in an ecumenical partnership and together we are the *Madison Christian Community*. We own our church building together, have a common budget, share in the education programs for all ages, fellowship events, and worship together throughout the year. Each congregation also has a life of its own.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition of the prayers concludes:*

Lord, it is your promise.

**Bring us to live in it.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Thank you for your ongoing financial support of Advent and MCC in offering!*

*The Treasury of Love basket on the communion table is always available for your contributions to help people in need.*

## OFFERING RESPONSE

*see insert*

## COMMUNION INVITATION

*from The Iona Abbey Worship Book*

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

**It is the table of company with Jesus  
and all who love him.**

**It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.**

**It is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate.**

So come to this table,  
you who have much faith  
and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who have failed:  
Come.

**It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## CONSECRATION PRAYER

*adapted from* The Iona Abbey Worship Book

Hear us, O Christ,  
**and breathe your Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and wine.  
Through them, fill us with your body,  
vibrant with your life,  
healing, renewing, and making us whole.  
And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink  
are changed into us,  
may we be changed again into you,  
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,  
loving and caring in the world. Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

a version based on Hebrew prayers

*We pray as Jesus taught us, in these words or the language of our hearts.*

**Abba,  
hallowed be your name,  
may yours be the age to come,  
here in this world as already in heaven.  
Bring us today to tomorrow's banquet.  
Forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and do not lead us to the test  
but deliver us from the evil one. Amen**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Jesus' table!*

*God's grace comes to us apart from our ability to understand,  
and all ages and understandings are welcomed to share in this meal.*

*All communion bread is **gluten free**. You may **drink wine** from the common chalice.  
Or to be served an individual glass, **red wine** is around the outer edge of the tray and  
**white grape juice** is in the center. Place your empty glass in the basket.*

*There is an opportunity to receive **individual prayers**. After you have been served  
communion you may go to the person in the area behind or beside the altar table.  
Unless you indicate otherwise, all prayer requests are confidential.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*see insert*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

*adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book*

As the message is written upon your heart,  
may God + bless you, sending you out  
as living letters of the Word. **Amen**

## SENDING VERSE

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

ELW 632

*see insert for stanza*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace... **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*You are invited to pause at the piano to enjoy the music prepared for the postlude.*