



Every valley
will be raised up,
and every mountain
and hill
will be flattened.

—ISAIAH 40:4

THE WAY

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman, CP

OPENING SENTENCES & CANDLE LIGHTING

Tom & Kelly Weaver

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the kid,
**The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,
and a little child shall lead them.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist, Kathy Porter

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

"Prepare the way of the Lord," your prophet says to us. Forgive us when we have failed to prepare your way. Forgive us when we have stood in your way, instead: when we let the challenging words of your prophets roll off of lives, rather than let them spark change; when we walk around a neighbor in need, rather than encounter a chance for compassion. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance that the glory of your coming does not depend upon the righteousness of your followers. Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jimmy Chapman, CP

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

