

MORNING WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020
11:00 AM



Welcome to worship! This is the focal point for our community life. The experience shapes, sustains, and sends us into the world as witnesses to God's love and justice.

Prelude

"A Voice Cries Out" - Michael Joncas
Brian Minnick and Jonathan Castillo

Welcome

Jonathan Castillo

Scripture Reading

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)

Casey Carter

Lighting the Advent Candles

Lisa and Ky Cauble

We Light the Candle of Peace

Choral Response

"Candle Carol" - K. Lee Scott

UBC Choral Scholars

Invocation

Lily White

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, thou long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, you came to reign!

From our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's
Born to rule on earth for - ev - er, come, be known to us a - gain. By thine

strength and con - so - la - tion, hope to all the earth im - part; Dear de -
own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine

sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
all suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glor - ious throne.

Children's Message

Bill Cox

Scripture Reading

[Esther 4:12-14](#)

Sharon Risher

Click on the link above to read the scripture.

Homily

"For Such a Time as This" - Sharon Risher

Hymn

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
3. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
Your word a - lone, has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our
light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

Offering

Zack Disler

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The Joys and Concerns

Lily White

The Prayers of the People

Amelia Fulbright

Song of Sending

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

WAITING

While we are wai - ting, come; while we are wai - ting, come.
Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

The image shows a musical score for the song "While We Are Waiting, Come". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "While we are wai - ting, come; while we are wai - ting, come." and the second staff contains "Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Benediction

Sharon Risher

Postlude

"Fanfare and Trio on 'Helmsley'" - Karl Osterland

Jonathan Castillo

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Today, Sunday, December 6

Adult Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Youth Sunday School with Bill.....9:45 AM
Children's Sunday School with Kari.....10:30 AM
Worship via Live Stream.....11:00 AM
Church Conference.....12:15 PM
Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-in Center.....2:00 PM
Labyrinth Worship.....6:00 PM

Saturday

Micah 6 Food Pantry.....10:30 AM
Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-in Center.....12:30 PM

Next Sunday, December 13

Second Sunday of Advent

Join us as we worship online at 11:00 AM, with
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Jonathan Castillo,
and Lily White

Find us at [YouTube.com/UBCAustin](https://www.youtube.com/UBCAustin).

Children's Sunday School with Kari Taylor

Kari Taylor will be leading the Children's Sunday School class on Sunday mornings! If you have children, join Ms. Kari at 10:30 AM: <https://bit.ly/KariSs> (*link is case sensitive*). The meeting ID is **835 9326 7199**.

Thanksgivings & Intercessions

Upcoming birthdays: Darlene Gavenda (12/6), Nate Veaser (12/8), Linda Carter (12/10), Phillip Rozell (12/12), Wilford Forman (12/13) and Charles Van Scoy (12/13).

We give thanks for Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Center, which served food to 17 hungry youth last Sunday.

We give thanks for God's Family Dinner, which served food to hungry people on Thursday.

We give thanks for the diverse group of guest preachers who have filled our virtual pulpit.

We give thanks Barbara Doebener has gone home from the hospital after aspirating during her colonoscopy this week. We continue to pray for Barbara and Sherry McCurdy as she recovers.

We pray for Peggy Mueller's niece, Gale, who was hospitalized for a tumor on her kidney.

We pray for Kris White's uncle, David Rieck, as he enters into the final phase of his life.

Youth Sunday School with Bill Cox

Our Youth Sunday School class meets every Sunday at 9:45 AM with Bill Cox. The class will meet here: <http://bit.ly/UBCyouthSS> (*link is case sensitive*). The meeting number is **822 9271 5186** and the password is **966064**.

Soul Food Sunday Today at 12:30 PM

Today we will gather together after worship today for a virtual Soul Food Sunday. Meals are encouraged!

Find us today at 12:30 PM on Zoom at this link: <https://bit.ly/SFSatUBC> (*link is case sensitive*). If you feel more comfortable, use the call-in feature by dialing 1-346-248-7799. The meeting number is **956 3870 4466** and the password is **2130**.

Adult Sunday School, Sundays at 9:30 AM

Each Sunday the Adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom at 9:30 AM The class will be discussing the gospel of Mark. All UBC members are encouraged to join us for fellowship and authentic conversation, rooted in compassion. Even if you don't typically go to Sunday School during non-pandemic times!

This class meets online here: <https://bit.ly/2XrePRK> (*link is case sensitive*). If you feel more comfortable, use the call-in feature by dialing 1-346-248-7799. The meeting number is **531 902 474** and the password is **2130**.

Today's Guest Preacher is Rev. Sharon Risher

Reverend Sharon Washington Risher was catapulted into the limelight after the Charleston, South Carolina shooting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015. Her beloved mother, Mrs. Ethel Lee Lance, was killed along with eight others, including two cousins and a childhood friend.

Today she is an inspirational speaker, traveling across the country telling her personal experience losing loved ones to gun violence, racism and hate in America, as well as the path to forgiveness and an offering of hope for tomorrow. Her book, *For Such A Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre*, was released June, 2019. Her book has stayed on the top five in the Spiritual Reading category on Amazon.

Sharon is one of the national spokespersons for MOMs Demand Gun Sense and the Everytown Survivor Network, two of the largest grassroots advocacy groups for gun common sense gun laws/reform in America. Winner of the Bronze Film Festival Short Doc category- Best Short Film, 2020 "Quiet No More", produced by Blue Chalk Media.

We're thrilled to have her preach for us this morning. You can find Rev. Risher online at www.SharonRisherSpeaks.com, on Twitter @richerrev, Instagram @sharon.risher.9 and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sharon.risher.9.

Youth Advent Fundraiser for Katandano Primary School

During Advent, the UBC Youth invite you to make a generous donation to their fundraiser for Katandano Primary School, a rural public school in Solwezi, Zambia. Like schools in the US, Katandano is facing the challenge of continuing to educate their students while also protecting them from COVID-19. Even in pre-COVID times, Katandano functioned with minimal resources, and many of the students struggled to afford basic necessities such as uniforms and shoes. Donations to the Youth Advent Fundraiser will go to provide additional masks for the school children, cleaning and hygiene supplies, shoes and uniforms for students in need, as well as paint and other items to maintain classrooms. This is a great chance for us to follow Jesus' invitation in Matthew 25 and to redistribute wealth back to Africa, which has so often been exploited for its rich resources.

The youth will be telling us more about Katandano Primary School and their fundraiser each Sunday during Advent worship. Donations can be made online at www.ubcaustin.org/donate or by check, with the designation "Youth Fundraiser" or "Katandano".

2021 Budget Available Online

On Sunday, November 29, the church reviewed, discussed, and approved a budget for the 2021 church year. To view the 2021 approved church budget on our website, please visit www.UBCaustin.org/21_budget and use the password "tithesofferings" to access the document.

We thank the Finance Committee for their hard work on the budget. They include Bob Bass (chair), Edie Disler, Charles Locklin, and Jody Joyner. Special thanks to Designated Senior Pastor Rev. Amelia Fulbright and Director of Finance Paul Taylor, for their work on the budget as well.

Rev. Amelia Fulbright Extended Contract

The Church Staff Relations Committee, in consultation with the Pastoral Search Committee, recommended to the church a contract extension to March 31, 2021, for Reverend Amelia Fulbright as UBC's Designated Senior Pastor. Last Sunday, the church approved the recommendation. Congratulations to Reverend Fulbright and gratitude for her steady leadership in this time of UBC's transition.

