

**PASTOR GUSTI CONTINUES ON VACATION through Tuesday, December 3.** For pastoral emergencies contact your Deacon or Deacon Moderator Jen Jones at 681-247-0193.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER**

**8, 9:45am in person and via Zoom at**

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Receive updates from the Session, elect congregational leaders, and approve Pastor Terms of Call.

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON CONTINUES!** Each member household should have received a Stewardship Letter and Pledge Form for 2025 highlighting our theme: *Focus on the Future*. The Session has made strategic investments in worship technology, children and youth ministry, staff benefits, and increased giving to mission and advocacy beyond the congregation. To maintain and build upon these investments into the future (and keep up with inflation), our total annual congregational giving needs to increase by \$55,000 - \$75,000 (15% - 25%). Please pledge as generously as you are able – an additional 5% per year for the next 4 years, if possible – to help bridge the gap and build the long term vision.

**Pledges to-date total \$172,975 from 51 households, 62% of goal**

## **“Holding On to Hope”**

### **Worship in Advent**

December 1 - 22

What if we did not know the story?

What if the unfolding darkness  
clouded our memory of light?

What if this longing to hold the world in arms of love  
seemed impossible to fulfill?

How would we hold on to hope?

December 1 - Guest Preacher

December 8 - Discerning What Is Best

December 15 - Water From the Well

December 22 - The People's Magnificat

The congregation is invited to contribute readings, prayers, poetry, quotes, *et cetera* on this theme.

Please send your contributions  
to Lynn Dampman at the church office.

# The Agape Meal

Out of darkness came light;  
*and the power of God was revealed.*  
*in the running wave and the flowing air,*  
*in the quiet earth and the shining stars.*

Out of the dust came life;  
*and the image of God was revealed*  
*in the human face and the gentle heart,*  
*in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.*

Out of justice came freedom;  
*and the wisdom of God was revealed*  
*in the need to grow and the will to love,*  
*in the chance to know and the power to choose.*

And God looked at the creation,  
*and behold, it was very good.*

Living God, our loving parent:  
you cherish your creation and we praise you.  
With earth, air, water, fire:  
in our element as your children, we praise you.  
With our lips, with our lives,  
in all our diversity,  
each one made in your image, we praise you.  
Because, in Jesus, you came to share  
our human lives, our sorrow and joy,  
we praise you.  
Because your Spirit is at work today:  
encouraging, enabling, surprising us,  
we praise you.  
Poor as we are, you give us hope:  
salt of the earth,  
you give us meaning and purpose  
and we praise you.  
Amen.