

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Advent 3: Restoration ~ Preparing the Way

December 11th, 2022

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way.” – Mark 1:2

“Call it the path that never runs straight, that bends us far beyond any road of our imagining. Call it the line of the map that meets us, that arcs us always toward home.” ~ Jan Richardson

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

and Song *Longing for Light* VT 715, vs 1 & 2

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *Prepare* by Jan Richardson

A Time for All God's Children

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-4a

Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* VT 218

Scripture Matthew 11: 2-15

Sermon *The Tension in Advent* David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Joy to the World* VT 240

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *Hope is a Candle* VT 211 vs 1-4

Benediction



Painted staircase by Xomatok (b. 1985)
Lima, Peru, 2021

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