

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Be Amazed: Love Comes Down

December 21st, 2025

The blossom buds are already there, tiny flowers formed, asleep and waiting for the days to begin lengthening just a little. They burst early, in February often. It's all there, waiting, at this darkest time of year. How wonderful to celebrate light and birth now, when hope may be faltering...We may be able to catch a glimpse of the love that came down at Christmas, and the love that received him.

~ Andrea Skevington

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship ~ the 4th candle of Advent arrives

Hymn *Hark! The Glad Sound* **VT 217**

HEARING TO THE WORD

Praying with Poetry *It is as if Infancy Were the Whole of Incarnation* by Luci Shaw

Offering

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* **VT 237**

Scripture Isaiah 7:1-4, 9-16 / Matthew 1:18-24

Sermon *Trusting Signs* David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Love Has Come* **VT 258**

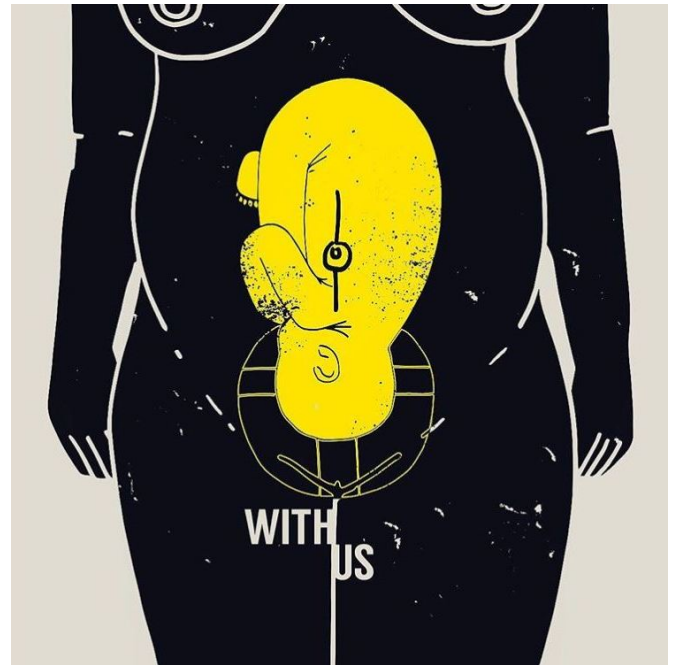
THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Prayer *Our Mother & Father in heaven*

Hymn *In the Beginning* **VT 270**

Benediction



Scott Erickson (American, 1977–),
With Us – With Child, 2016

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