

Unfinished Community

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 2025 年 11 月 2 日
Second Sunday in Advent- 待降節第二主日

THE APPROACH TO GOD - 神に近づく

Prelude 前奏

Welcome and Introduction 招きの言葉

Call to Worship A Prayer 祈り

Lord of Love, walk with me where I cannot walk alone.

Lord of Wisdom, show me the way when I cannot see.

Lord of Kindness, teach me of love unknown.

Lord of Mercy forgive me, when I cannot forgive myself.

Lord of Community, place me with kindred souls.

Lord of Eternity, help me to come home.

Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” 讃美歌

Prayer of Confession 罪の告白

THE WORD OF GOD IN CONVERSATION - 御言葉に親しむ

Children's Time 子供達の時間

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12 聖書朗読
マタイによる福音書 3:1-12

Homily “What the Fruit?”. メッセージ

Discussion

ディスカッション

Q1.What does “fruit worthy of repentance” actually look like? What can we actually do to produce that kind of fruit?

悔い改めにふさわしい実』とは、実際にどのようなものなのでしょうか。そのような実を結ぶために、私たちは具体的に何ができるのでしょうか。

Q2:How can we still be “ourselves” if we dedicate ourselves to constant change? 絶えず変えられていくことに身をささげながら、私たちはどのようにして “自分自身” であり続けることができるのでしょうか。

RESPONDING TO GOD - 神の働きに関わる

Hymn “It is Well with My Soul” 讃美歌

Communion 聖餐式

The Meaning of the Sacrament - 聖餐式の意味

The Invitation, Open to All - オープンテーブル

Our Shared Communion - 聖餐式を共に祝う

Prayers and Offerings 祈りと献金

Sending Hymn “Blest are They” 讃美歌

Benediction 祝福

Thank you for joining us in worship today! If you have need of prayer, or anything really, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Don and we'll be happy to do whatever we can to help!

*If you'd like to connect with us online, please visit our website where you can find a number of different ways to connect with our growing congregation. If online stuff is new to you and you would like help figuring it out, just ask! And if you're interested in helping out the church with a tithe or donation, please feel free to use the offering box at the back of the sanctuary, or the online tithing portal on our website. It's **never** required, but we're always thankful for any help we can get!*

Life in our Unfinished Community

Next English Hybrid Worship

We usually meet for our hybrid English worship services on the first Sunday of every month...but it's the Christmas season! Our next worship service will be on **WEDNESDAY December 24th (CHRISTMAS EVE), at 17:30 JST (3:30pm EST, and it will be BILINGUAL)**. As always, you can attend everything in-person or on YouTube and the church Discord server. Links are all on the website!

Worship in Japanese

Ashiya Christian Church (our partner congregation) holds worship in Japanese on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, with Pastors Don and Akiko doing their best to subtitle in English! The next service is a joint service on **Sunday, December 14th, 2025 at 10:30am JST (8:30pm EST)**.

NEW CLASSES!

Every month, we tweak the schedule of all the new classes we have begun to offer. There's a flyer in your bulletin with the full schedule; check it out, and please feel free to come join us on our community learning adventure!

“De-Toxifying Christianity” Bible Study: (12/11 at 10:30am JST/ 12/10 at 8:30pm EST)

Join us in the book of Acts! Our twice-monthly Bible study is hosted on Discord (and available in person), and we just finished Job so come along as we pile into the NT for a close look at what everyone got up to after Jesus peaced out!.

BEHOLD! A NEW THING...*when we can make it happen, anyways.*

In light of recent events in the world, we have temporarily suspended our “hit” video series and begun a new thing. *Uncertain Times: Surviving the Apocalypse Together* is our new community video series where Courtney and Pastor Don discuss the news of the week, and how to survive – emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and practically – as society collapses around our collective ears.

Stewardship Push!

In the coming weeks, we'll be talking much more publicly about the financial needs of the church, and what each of us can do to keep this amazing church project going. There'll also be announcements of new classes, counseling opportunities, and other initiatives as well. Stay tuned for more information!



About Unfinished Community

Here at Unfinished, we believe that everyone's life is a story that's still being written, and that no matter what chapter you're on who you are and what you've gone through to get here is important, both to God and to us. We are a community that believes that all are welcome, that all are beloved, that all are wanted, and everyone has a place in our community, without exception.

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