



WORSHIP SERVICE 11-29-2020

1ST Sunday of Advent

We will be lighting the Advent candle of Hope today, so you are invited to gather your 5 candles (any kind of candles) and a lighter/match so we can all light them together.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: As farmers wait for rainfall,
As prisoners wait for freedom,

PEOPLE: We are waiting for the coming of the Lord.

LEADER: As exiles yearn for home,
As peacemakers yearn for justice,

PEOPLE: We are longing for the coming of Lord.

LEADER: As travelers search for shelter
As disciples look for answers

PEOPLE: We are looking for the coming of Lord.

PRAYER

HYMN # Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find out rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth you are;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet, a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.
By your all sufficient merit, raise unto your glorious throne.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

LEADER: In a world where so many people feel despair,
God lights a candle of hope in our hearts. (Light candle together)
We wait together for a Saviour, who is Emmanuel, God-with-us.

**PEOPLE: Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
They will run and not grow weary,
They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31**

PRAYER **Lord, in this season of Advent, we see a world starting their frantic shopping and decorating, distrusting what they hear, and afraid of Covid-19. We look to you for our hope, and we believe against the odds that you are coming to bring justice and righteousness. While we wait, wake us up to notice you in the everyday moments of life so we are prepared to see you when you come. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

HYMN While We Are Waiting, Come
While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN # We Need You, Lord
We need You, Lord; we need You, Lord, right now;
We need You, Lord; we need You, Lord, right now;
We lift our hands and bow our knees and worship at Your throne.
We need You, Lord, we need You, Lord, right now.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24- 37

²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

REFLECTION Keep Awake!

HYMN # 466 Take My Life and Let it Be
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them love, at the impulse of Your love;
At the impulse of Your love.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a kite would I withhold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee;
Ever, only, all for Thee.

BENEDICTION