

Sunday Morning Worship Celebration

Living in Hope

December 1, 2024

Advent 2024: Living in
Hope

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Welcome & Announcements

Greet One Another

Praise

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting | Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lou and Karen Tepper.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: The LORD is our righteousness.

Prelude

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - 13th c. Plainsong; Arr. by Lloyd Larson; Presented by Mary Strickland on piano.

Call to Worship | Luke 1:46-50

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise | Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus [Getty]

Lyrics from TH #196.

Confession & Assurance

Need of Confession | Psalm 130:1-3

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 130:4-5

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

Affirmation of Faith | From The Worship Sourcebook

Unison

We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord. God has come to us through the ancient people of Israel, as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, as the Holy Spirit at work in our world. Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures. Christ is with us day by day.

Hymn of Praise | Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery [Default Arrangement]

Corporate Prayer & Giving

The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us the day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | "Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Doxology

Hearing of the Word

Sermon Text | Isaiah 2:1-5

[1] The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

[2] It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, [3] and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. [4] He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. [5] O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Sermon Title | "Living in Hope"

Song of Response | Make A Way [Porter's Gate]

Sending

Benediction

Postlude
