

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent –Hope

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT – THE DAYS OF HOPE ARE SURELY COMING

INTROIT

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING - The Johnson Family

HYMN #17 “‘Sleepers, Wake!’ A Voice Astounds Us”

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us; The shout of rampart guards surrounds us;

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight’s peace their cry has broken, Their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light; The Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there, That you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing, Her heart with joyful hope is springing;

She wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth He comes, her Bridegroom glorious In strength of grace, in truth victorious;

Her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!

We follow all and heed Your call To come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heav’ns adore You; Let saints and angels sing before You.

As harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals: Through them we stream to join the immortals

As we with joy Your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight, No ear heard such delight: Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King; Forever let our praises ring.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

MUSICAL BLESSING:

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

The days are surely coming, says 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 live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

MEDITATION

Rev. Robyn Gray, Ph.D.

RESPONSE

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S 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 this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN #20 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, See that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beautiful ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night, Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, Doubt and terror are withdrawn,
Watchman, let your wand'rings cease; Hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Offertory –

COMMISSION

Leader: Let us leave here with open hearts, to share God's unconditional love with all we meet.

***All: We will go with courage; holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil.
We will strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the afflicted.
Honoring all beings, we will serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.***

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain, when Jesus Christ is born***

POSTLUDE