

Order of Worship

8:00 & 11:00am Traditional Worship
November 28th, 2021

Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

People: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

- *Luke 1:68-69, 78-79*

***Opening Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

203 UMH

***Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Williams (8:00)
Anderson (11:00)

Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1)

211 UMH

Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 1:1-22

New Testament Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

Anthem (11:00)

Adult Choir

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 1:1-6a

Sermon Advent in Bethlehem: Hallmark Hope Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silence

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed 880 UMH

***Response** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (v. 1) 196 UMH

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

All: Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Offertory Music

***Doxology** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Susan Fraser
94 UMH

****Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion** 15 UMH

***Closing Hymn** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 206 UMH

Sending Forth Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

Postlude Susan Fraser

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9:30am Contemporary Worship
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*Song Set

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Laux Family

Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 1:1-22

Sermon

Advent in Bethlehem: Hallmark Hope

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

880 UMH

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession

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Offering

**Communion

15 UMH

Prayers of the People

*Closing Song

Dismissal

*Please stand if you are able

**Communion Instructions may be found on the Welcome Page
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal located under chairs

Sermon Notes & Discussion Guide

Hallmark Hope

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God. - *Ruth 1:16*

The Hallmark Christmas Movie Formula:

Setting the scene

To Moab and back again

Ruth and “Irrational Hope”

Hope = _____ + _____

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. What insights did you gain from this week's message? What questions did it raise?
2. With whom do you identify most in the story so far?
3. Where are you in need of hope in your life today?
4. What character traits of Ruth connect most with Jesus?