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Sunday, November 27th, 2022 † 10:30 am Worship

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Song *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates* UMH #213

A Time of Prayer

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.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings* UMH #95

Song of the Day *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH #196

Announcements

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

Message Deck the Halls: "Hope" Pastor Sara McManus

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

Benediction

* Please stand, as you able

TFWS – Small Black hymnal

UMH – Large Blue hymnal

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader 1: It seems that every day brings news reports of crises and chaos. It can feel like the world is shrouded in shadows. It is easy to become weary and worn down by the evil around us.

Reader 2: Yet, even in the midst of this despair, God offers hope. We hear in 1 Peter, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Reader 3 (or 1): In Christ, God came into this world, with all its brokenness and suffering, to light our way. In Jesus we have hope: Hope that we can be made whole, hope that our community can be healed, hope that the world can be changed for the better.

Reader 4 (or 2): Today we light the first candle in the Advent wreath as a sign of the hope we have in Jesus. *(Light one purple candle)*

Reader 1: Let us pray. Almighty God, appear among us. Let us see the light of Christ illuminating our world. Come and deck our hearts, our halls, our world with the hope you offer in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung Response *(to the tune of “Deck the Halls”)*:

Deck the halls with hope and love (Fa la la la la, la la la la)

Pointing to our God above (Fa la la la la, la la la la)

While we wait for Jesus’ birth (Fa la la, la la la, la la la)

Bringing joy and peace to earth (Fa la la la la, la la la la)

(Tag: Fa la la la la, la la la la)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #213

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

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MUSIC (TRURO LM in D major): from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Thomas Williams of Clerkenwell Green, 1789; Charles Burney

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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MUSIC (OLD 100th, LM): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

1. 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.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH #206

1. I want to walk as a child of the Light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The Star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus:

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The lamb is the Light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the Brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Son of righteousness,
shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run,
with patience, the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

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