

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture--in the body and the blood--  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraphs, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high. Amen.

**+DOXOLOGY** *singing together*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

8:45 am, insert

*If you would like to remain where you are  
an usher will provide a communion packet for you at your pew.*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400  
This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

**+HYMN**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed* 203

**+BENEDICTION** *responsively*

Go now in peace.  
**Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.**  
**Let everything you do be done in love.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Alvus tumescit virginis* Michael Praetorius, 11:00 am

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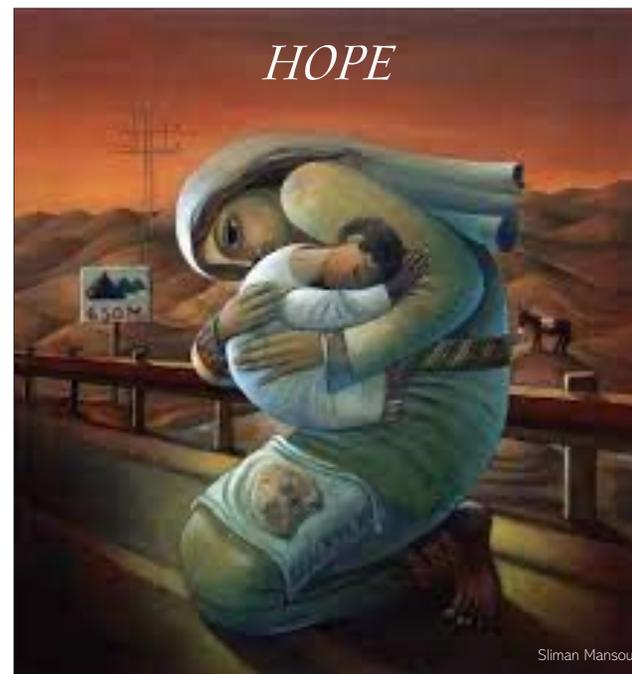
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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



*open hearts, open minds, open doors*  
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

*All are welcome!*

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,  
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

## GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

Blessed are we when we lose sleep over what troubles us. When our worries keep us watching the clock tick by. When we have no energy to do anything but fret. The kingdom of God is here and now. Blessed are we when we are drowning in grief. When wave after wave after wave crashes over us. When we start to feel okay, then something reminds us of what we've lost, and we're pulled under once again. God promises to comfort us.

Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie, "A blessing for when you don't feel #blessed"

## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach, 11:00 am

## +CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Rev. Mary Brown, 8:45 am

Nancy Hopkins, 11:00 am

Draw near to us, O God, **as we draw near to you.**

Open our hearts and our minds to your presence.

**Wake us up from sleep and inattention.**

Prepare us to receive your love.

## +HYMN

*My Soul Gives Glory to My God* 198

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Carol and Ryan O'Connor, 8:45 am

Catherine and Taylor Trumbower, 11:00 am

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"  
(Psalm 122:1)

We are glad. We are glad to be here in this community;  
we are glad to be with this family. It is a place of joyful hope,  
of radical welcome. It is a place where, together,  
we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

**"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 God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'"** (Isaiah 2:3).

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, and our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

*Lighting of the First Advent Candle*

## RESPONSE *singing together*

*Christ Is the World's Light* 188 (verse 1)

**Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other, born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!**

## THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

## ANTHEM

Rayne Chancel Tenors and Basses, 11:00 am

*The Yearning* Craig Courtney

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow. There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the first-born of creation. There is a yearning for the Lord who visited his own, and by his death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

Refrain: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of his appearing. There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

## HOMILY

*The Complexity of Hope*

## +HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light* 206

## OFFERING

Randy Bunnell, 8:45 am

*Child of Our Dreams* Marty Haugen

Holy child of poverty,  
so lowly is your birth;  
sharing our humanity,  
embracing all the earth;  
Every Nation, Every Race  
Every Person, wears your face;  
Come a new, O child of our dreams.  
Joyful child of mystery,  
come warm our winter night;  
fire our dull complacency  
and fill us with your light;  
speak the word that makes us whole,  
lead each lost and hungry soul;  
Come a new, O child of our dreams.

Sacred child of ecstasy,  
creation sings your love;  
light gives back your radiancy  
and fills the skies above;  
gentle glow from candlelight,  
splendor of the stars of night;  
Come a new, O child of our dreams.  
Child of all eternity,  
our justice and our peace;  
born into a history  
that hatreds all may cease;  
bring us all to life and death,  
be our hope, our joy, our breath;  
Come a new, O child of our dreams.

**HYMN** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* 198

1. My soul gives glory to my God, my heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.
2. My God has done great things for me: Yes, holy is this Name.  
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.
3. From age to age to all who fear, such mercy love imparts,  
dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.
4. Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure,  
leaves hungry spirits satisfied; the rich seem suddenly poor.  
The rich seem suddenly poor.
5. Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,  
remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

**HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light* 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.

Refrain:

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 sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the  
Father. [Refrain]
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.  
[Refrain]

**HYMN** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* 203

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

# THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table!*

## INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will;  
we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love;  
we have not loved our neighbors;  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### PARDON

Hear the good news - God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*singing together:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*singing together:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and  
wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the  
world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with  
Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ  
comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit  
in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God.**

*(Please note that the consecration of the Bread and Cup were offered by Pastor Jay earlier this week.)*

*singing together:*

**Amen, amen, amen!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *together*