

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 2021

Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community

"Making Room (Hope)"
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Lighting the Affirming and the Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 Candles

We Open the Door

(Threshold Moment)

"Hope Waits for Us at Advent"

(By Amanda Udis-Kessler)

You are invited to sing when directed

D D/F# G A D D/F# G A Bm G

Hope waits for us at Ad-vent. Hope waits for us to trust. Hope waits for

6 A D Em Cmaj7 Asus A G2 D/F#

our com - mit - ment to a land that's kind and just. In this time of

10 Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# G A Bm

pre - par - a - tion for the work of co - cre - a - tion, for the birth - ing of a world that

15 C G D2 Em7 D/F# G G/B Bm D

heals the ones in pain, Hope is born in us a - gain.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Prayer

Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we catch
of your gift of untiring hope.
Even in the midst of fear,
of challenge, of struggle—
even when our view is obscured
by clouds of doubt,
help us prepare the Inn of our hearts
and ignite the flame of hope within us,
**that we might glow with its brilliance
from the inside out.**

Everyone sings

**Hope waits for us at Advent
Hope waits for us to trust.
Hope waits for our commitment
to a land that's kind and just.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
that heals the ones in pain.
Hope is born in us again!**

The Peace

The Hope of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #2 VU
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set they 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.

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

Making Room Poem

Video: Meet me in the Stillness

First Reading
Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (CEB)

Anthem
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Second Reading
Psalms 25: 4-5 (CEB)

A Story of Innkeeper
Presentation: Centre for Newcomers

Anthem
There is no Rose Don Macdonald

Prayers of the People
"Make of My Heart a Stable"
(Original song by Amanda Udis-Kessler)
Sung during the prayers (follow the lead of the choir)

The image shows a musical score for the song "Make of My Heart a Stable". It consists of two staves of music in C major, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts at measure 8 and ends at measure 13. The second staff starts at measure 14 and ends at measure 18. The lyrics are as follows:

8 C C 3 Am F2 C Dm
Make of my heart a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
Make of my life a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
Make of our church a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy

14 Em Am7 F2 G C
place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.
place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.
place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:
The Prayer of Jesus

Offering

Prayer of Dedication
Let us pray in the spirit of hope:
**God of hope, we offer respect and caring to all who seek
hope and wholeness.**

We open the inn of our hearts and live our faith through compassionate action.

This offering is an outward expression of our gratitude. It is an affirmation of our hope that our church 'inn' will be a safe, and sacred place that welcomes all; one that opens its doors to possibilities and new life.

Closing Carol

(Story of 'O Little Town of Bethlehem')

O Little Town of Bethlehem VU #64 vs. 1, 3 Missing Verse, 4

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;
So, God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee,
Son of the Mother mild;
Where Charity stands watching
And Faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Benediction

Sending Out VU #964

Go now with hope, go now with hope,
May the hope of God surround us
Everywhere, everywhere, we may go.

Postlude

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