



## WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

### GREETING

LEADER: The coming of the Lord is near.

**PEOPLE: We wait for the fulfillment of God's promise.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Wait for the Lord (Insert)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Kathy Jones, Sharon Knerr and  
Marsha Sarfert

Voice A: In hope, Israel dreamed of a Messiah so many years ago.

Voice B: In hope, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem praying for hospitality.

Voice C: In hope, the wise men followed a star believing that God would guide them along the way.

**ALL: Like Israel, we sing, "Come, oh come, Emmanuel."**

Voice B: Like Mary and Joseph, we pray for a world that acts like we belong to one another.

Voice C: Like the wise men, we travel to this space trusting that God draws near to us—guiding us along the way.

Voice A: This Sunday, we light the candle of hope because we could not be Advent people without it.

(Light candle)

Voice C: May this candle remind us that God's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**ALL: May this light serve as an invitation to draw near to God—for in the light of this candle we can feel God's warmth, we can see more clearly, and together, we wait for that future where God's plans for health and prosperity will be realized for all. Amen.**

**CANDLE SONG ( Insert)**

## **UNISON PRAYER**

**ALL: God, we believe that your day is always near, and we wait with hope. Hope for the brokenhearted to be healed, for the downtrodden to be lifted up. Holy God of Hope, Give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent. As we worship together, we offer ourselves to you and we open ourselves to your abundant grace. Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**The Advent of Hope**

**arr:Fettke**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE**

### **SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,

plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**MESSAGE**

**God's Plans**

**Reverend Patty Dodds**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**#116 Verses 1 & 7**

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Child of God appear.**

**(Refrain:)Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
fill the while world with heaven's peace.**

**(Refrain:)Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

### **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

**One:** We have made our offerings in person, by mail and online. We have given of our gifts, our energy, and our time. Let us join in prayer as we dedicate all of these gifts to God.

**ALL:** Giving God, in this season of giving, we pause to remember that we ourselves are the gift you most desire. Unfold our hopes, open us to service, use us well. Magnify our giving as we rejoice in your gracious presence among us. Bless all who give and all the ministry for which our gifts are given that we might be a sign of your hope. In the name of the one who was born Emmanuel. Amen

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**\*HYMN People Look East ( Insert)**

## **COMMISSION**

One: God invites us to be instruments of hope in the world.

**ALL: Let us go to spread the hope and promise of a coming child.**

One: Filled with God's Spirit we can counter the voices of anxiety and despair in the world.

**ALL: Let us sing songs of hope because the world can be changed.**

One: With God's help we live into the promises of God's coming kingdom.

**ALL: Let us Proclaim these promises:**

**the love of a child in a manger who offers hope,  
the love of a teacher who feeds our hopes,  
and the love of a risen messiah who is our hope.**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

### **Worship Resources:**

Rev Gord on his blog, *Worship Offerings*

Christine Sine, and posted on Godspace.

A Sanctified Art written by: Sarah Are | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

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Dan Molkenthin, Director of Music

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Flowers Donated by Helen Yohe “in Celebration of Jodi Miley’s birthday”**

**As an outreach service we purchased 2 DVD players for Hershey Mill Home.** We would like to collect new or used DVDs to give them. (no R-rated please) You can give them to Katie Crockett. Any questions call Katie 7176847925

**Saturday Dec 4 at 10am:** we will be decorating the church for Christmas - inside and out Please plan to come and lend a hand!

**Next Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Come to Celebrate Christmas with your Trinity Guild friends on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please sign up in the Narthex if attending. Sandy Heisey will provide musical entertainment! We will have the meal catered this year! The menu is listed below:**

We will have, chicken breast and chicken thighs, mashed potatoes and green bean casserole.

Additionally, we are featuring a trifle (pound cake with pudding and fruit) for dessert.

The price will be \$12.00

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Please sign up in the Narthex if attending.

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.** Bring your own craft or come to chat.

**Sunday December 12 - 4:30 - 6 pm (Drop in) Candles of Hope.** We will gather outside to light candles and offer prayers.

**Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom.** We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.**

**Please contact Pastor Patty** if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: [Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

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