

Immanuel United Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING: Week 1 Hope

Today we start our journey through Advent. We are in a time of change and uncertainty. We are on a new path, but where it will lead is not clear and the pathway is

not straightforward. We are on the road to find out more about who we are and who we want to be..

Come and let us build a new creation because the world feels bleak. Salvation is nearer

to us than it has ever been before – in this very moment –as the great season of Advent

begins, it feels like hope springs eternal.

In the bleakness of this moment, we yearn for a light that shines through our fears as a beacon for all people. We yearn for a light to guide our journey.

We need a light that comes into the world that can't be extinguished.

We need light to hold onto our hopes for a better and more compassionate world and so today...

We begin the Advent season with one candle...a candle for HOPE.

Prayer:

With this one light we pray O God,

Be light along our paths,

Lead us to a more just world

And help us to stay awake

And present to your love

In each and every ordinary day. Amen.

MV 220 'Hope Shines As The Solitary Star'

MOMENT TO PONDER:

HYMN: Vu# 5 All Earth Is Waiting

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Matthew 24:36-44

THE CHOIR ANTHEM: When Will He Come?

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 688 O Day of God Draw Nigh

OFFERING DEDICATION AND PRAYER

INVITATION

In the midst of a worried world, may we offer ourselves and our gifts to be spent and shared for the good of all .

Dedication: MV# 182 Grateful

Prayer:

Holy One, may we watch and wait, may we let ourselves be used by your spirit, to share Hope, to be hope, amid the darkness that surrounds us.

AMEN

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: VU# 2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Blessing

Amens : A-men, A-men, Hallelujah, A-men

Postlude