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Awake





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“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

November 29, 2020

Ist Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Of The Father's Love Begotten

arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Our Advent Family

Sarah & Ava Beers, Jon Hartman

The Candle of Hope

Our Advent Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-9 (NRSV)

Invocation

Hymn

O come, O come, Immanuel (vv. 1-3)

#172

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Song

Hope is a candle (verse 1)

#15

Sing the Story, Hymnal: A Worship Book, Supplement 2

Hope is a candle once lit by the prophets,
never consumed, though it burns through the years;
dim in the daylight of power and privilege-
when they are gone, hope will shine on

“Hope is a candle” by Richard Leach
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Invitation to Give

Our Hope looks like this: a world at peace, where enemies are reconciled and justice is met. For then, the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. This is our Hope.

Special Music

What Child Is This?

Patricia Lou Harris

“Give thanks with a grateful heart” by Henry Smith

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Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:7-18 (NRSV)

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his

hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Sermon “Turning Judgment into Joy”

Hymn *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* #178

Benediction

Postlude *People Look East* arr. A. Giamanco

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PastorDavid Whitten
 Guest Speaker Rev. Teresa McRoberts
 Worship Leader..... Barbara Beers
 Special Music.....Sarah Beers & Bob Phillips
 Flutist..... Sarah Beers
 Organist/Pianist..... Bob Phillips
 Producer..... Kevin Beers