

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

December 2, 2019 "First Sunday in Advent"

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.  
Please note this is a scent free environment. (\*please rise in body or spirit)

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Prelude: Pastorale - Frederick Archer - arr. Lani Smith

*Welcome and Announcements*

Gathering Hymn: VU #4 "God of All Places"

Centering Time for Worship - lighting of the candles

## **Beginning the ADVENTure**

*\*Invitation to Community*

Be astonished! Be astounded!

**For our journey begins anew**

There is still a vision

**It will come at the appointed time**

And we will be there

**Resting in the glow of peace**

*Opening Prayer*

**Great Spirit, we gather as people of the promise:**

**the promise of your love, the promise of your peace,**

**the promise of your presence. Envelope us in your Spirit**

**that we may see anew the life you hold in reserve for us. In the name of**

**Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

\*Hymn: VU #8 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*Advent Candle Liturgy*

We sing v.1 of "We Light this Candle"

**We light this candle of hope. Await the new life with-in.**

**May our hearts now live each day,**

**So hope can find a way,**

**So hope can find a way.** - Pat Mayberry and David Kai

Today is the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of the Prince of Peace. Today we light a candle for Hope

**Hope in a world of shadow, hope in a world of seemingly overwhelming sadness**

But we know that when a candle is lit the darkness cannot overcome it.

*The candle is lit* - Tran/Steinberg Family

So, this small flame speaks of our expectation, our desire for a better world

**A world where the lion will lie down with the sheep, a world of equity and justice, a world of promise and peace. Amen**

*Worship with The Young at Heart*

**What is This All About?**

*Preparation for Proclamation:*

**Prepare the Way, Prepare the Way.**

**Awaited Christ, expected one.**

**We will await, we will await.**

**The birth of God's own son.** - A. Gray

Habakkuk 1.1-7; 2.1-4; 3.3b-19 Reader: John Jull

Psalms 125, VU# 849

Matthew 26.36-39

Anthem: "Sounds of Advent" - arr. Lee Dengler

**Reflection**

\*Hymn: VU #5 "All Earth Is Waiting"

**Write the Vision**

Minute for Mission: Lyn Miller

Offering: "The Holly and the Ivy" - arr. David Laky

\*Hymn of Presentation: VU #55 (vs.4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**if I were a wise man, I would do my part;**

**yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication*

**As the righteous live by their faith, so do we too. With these offerings we may offer the world hope. With these offerings we may offer the world our very selves. Amen**

*Prayers of the People*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

The Invitation

\*Hymn: VU #479 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

\*The Peace

Communion Prayer

Fraction and Distribution

Choir: VU #471 "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

(Choir sings verses, All sing chorus)

*Sending Forth*

Be ADVENTurousome

**We will leap in the Spirit**

Trust that the vision is further than we can see

**We will seek new horizons**

Live in hope

**For we are the people of God!**

\*Concluding Rite:

**In the Shortness of the Days we stretch toward the light. Carrying Candles of hope to offer light.**

**In a world of bright shadow, restlessness and wrong,**

**We take our place as midwives to birth a new dawn.**

Postlude: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" - arr. David Lasky

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the Postlude.  
Coffee Hour will follow for a time of conversation and refreshment.

Visitors are most welcome to join us!

*Minister:* All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

*Music:*

Arlene Gray and the Choir

*AV:* Brian James

*Refreshments:* UCW

*Communion:* Inna Stenner, AJ McNaught, Dan Kingdon, Christine Lewis, Susan Deeley

*Ina Stenner*

*Elevator:* Christine Lewis

*Ushers and Greeters:* Kathy Gillis, Joan Bark

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