

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread in your open hands as a symbol that the grace we receive at the table is not something we take for ourselves but is freely offered to us. After receiving the bread, you may either dip your bread in the communal cup or partake of an individual cup. Gluten-free bread is available, simply ask your server.

SONG* - O Shepherd of Israel (see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

SENDING

SENDING SONG* - Hope Will Not Fail (v. 1, 2) (see insert)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able

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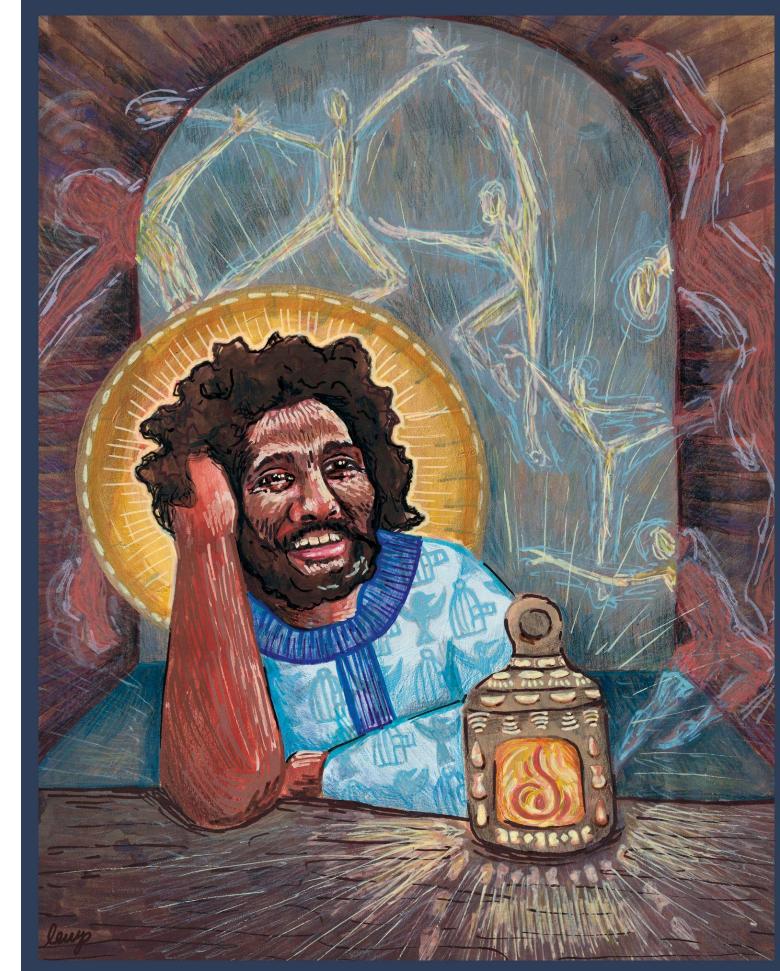
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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(by Rev. Sarah A. Speed)*

Family of faith, God is at work!

God is healing and creating,

redeeming and dreaming,

calling and sending,

listening and loving.

Yes, indeed, God is at work!

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

May we worship our God who holds onto hope.

Amen.

PROCESSION HYMN* - We Light A Candle

We light a candle to decrease
the pain that scorns and harms,
and spread a just and lasting peace
that nurtures and disarms.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

SONG* - While We are Waiting Come (Hymn #773)

SONG* - Dawning Light of Our Salvation (see insert)

CONFSSION OF SIN -

On-the-move God,
we have every reason to hold onto hope.
We have every reason to believe that spring will come,
that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise.
And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers.
With anxious hearts we cry out to you,
“Will change ever come? Will things ever get better?
Will I ever make a difference?”
Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining.
Show us the places where you are on the move.
With open hearts we pray, amen.

~silence~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel;
When we're running out of hope, God is still at work.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

(Any children aged Pre-K-6 are welcome to attend ResCov Kids and will return for communion)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG* - Come Light Our Hearts (see insert)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:19-21

GOSPEL LESSON*

Matthew 11:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When We're Running Out of Hope...

Pastor Alicia

RESPONSE

SONG* - God, Be With Your Weary People (see insert)

LIFE TOGETHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER *(debts, debtors)*

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks. To give online, scan the QR code to your right.



Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Long in darkness we have wand'red
Long in mortal shadows,
we walked in bondage and self pity,
Trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets words He told us
Long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
from the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:
Ev'ry valley be exalted!
Every mountain be made plain
Crooked ways repent and straighten
All creation bend in praise

He shall raise a mighty savior;
Born of David's lineage,
He comes in cov'nant love to claim us
from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness
Life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness,
To your pathways dawning peace!

Refrain

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior;
David's Son and yet His King,
Dawning light of our salvation,
of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, you hurt, and dance ye broken,
Know the Savior's healing grace;
Come, Oh dead and hear him singing;
Turn, oh tired, behold his face!

Refrain

Come Light Our Hearts

Chorus:
For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
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Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is
in You.

O Lord of life, our only hope,
Your radiance shines on all
who look to You in the dark.
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

Chorus

O joy above all other loves,
in You we find more than enough.
We come as we are; O heal and restore,
come light our hearts.

Chorus

Hope Will Not Fail (verses 1,2)

Hope will not fail,
no, hope will not fail.
Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail,
no, hope will not fail;
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Peace will not fail,
no, peace will not fail.
Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail,
no, peace will not fail;
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Believe in the coming,
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God, Be With Your Weary People

God, be with your weary people,
rise from sacred ancient root.
Branch of ages, bud among us,
leaf and blossom, fill with fruit.
We await your new beginnings,
dreams deferred and hopes delayed.
Meet despair with sweet assurance,
strengthen hearts so long afraid.

God be with your hungry people,
serve a feast for all to eat.
Bread of life, abundant blessing,
bring a justice more complete.
We have yearned for peace and plenty,
snared by greed and worn by war.
Make our weapons fit for farming,
move our hands to share once more.

God, be with your hardened people,
ease each brittle mind and soul.
Source of stirring, righteous waters,
free us as your mercies roll.
We have longed for life unbounded,
fresh and flowing, clear and bright.
Baptize us with fire and spirit,
birth among us new delight.

O Shepherd of Israel

O Shepherd of Israel, be blessed through the ages,
for you have redeemed us from tyranny's reign,
and soon will the Savior, foretold by the sages,
plant seedlings of hope in the empire's domain.

Refrain:

The dawn of a new day will blossom before us
where death will be vanquished and violence
will cease,
for your endless mercy will heal and restore us
and lead us down pathways of justice and
peace.

You keep ev'ry promise of mercy forever,
and rescue us still from our enemy's hand;
your covenant promise you never will sever
till all will exalt you in your promised land.

Refrain

For this little child from an overlooked nation
will now go before us, preparing the way,
and shepherd us to our messiah's salvation
where sin is dispelled by the rising sun's ray.

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