

Emmanuel United Church of Christ
A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
We Welcome you on this First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 - 9:30 AM
Pastor Jim Cope and Pastor Jan Garinger



Gathering around the Word

Ringing of the Church Bell

Our Life Together

Prelude

The Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship

Sung Response

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye.
There are messages of Hope coming from a choir on high.
But don't just look up; for the way God works
is to plant more hope right here on earth
just like it was with Jesus' birth.

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***Lighting the Candle of Hope**

***Prayer of Hope**

Leader: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
All: alight withing us your flame of hope this day.

Leader: Grant us openness to hear your message.

All: Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more hope in the midst of fear.

***Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#89 (RED)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you and to one another, and to ourselves that we are not what you have called us to be. We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time. We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness, but have been quick to take offense. We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in our world and have excused ourselves from risk-taking in our own community. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to live our lives differently. **(Time for silent reflection)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: One fact remains and that does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always.

All: This good news that brings us new life.

***Choral Response**

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

A Time for the Children of all ages

Choral Preparation

"Breathe On Me Breath of God"

#191(RED)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

The Scripture Reading

First Reading

Job 11:18-19

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:5-25 and 57-64

Sermon

"Is Silence Golden?"

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Thanksgiving

"Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand"

#93(RED)

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

