

Sunday November 29th 2020 – Orono

First Sunday In Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather from a world of darkness

All: Into Christ's world of light.

One: We gather from a world of weariness

All: Into God's strength and hope.

One: We gather from a slumbering world.

All: Strengthened by the Spirit, we gather to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

Hymn

VU# 29

“Hark The Glad Sound”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

O God in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love, and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Candle Lighting – The Candle of Hope

One: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the hope we have received in Jesus. Let us pray.

Loving God, as we remember and anticipate the arrival of Jesus in the world, we rejoice in the gift of hope. Help us today and every day to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen

Our Candle Song

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn **VU# -** “The Holly And The Ivy”

Advent Prayer (said together)

O God of all time, we are an impatient people. As the days grow shorter and the darkness longer, teach us to wait with faithful expectation. In this time of worship, open our eyes and hearts to the Advent blessings in our midst.

May every day be a day of gratitude for your compassion and grace. Through the guidance of your Spirit, lead each one of us in the pathways that make for peace. In the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 23-37

Anthem Becky Kelley – “*Where’s The Line To See Jesus?*”

Sermon: *We Live In Hope*

Hymn **VU# 9** “People Look East”

The Offering

Offering Response: VU #55 verse 3 only

***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.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 2** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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