

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Gathering

PRELUDE If I Had a Hammer
WELCOME

Worship Ensemble
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Candle Litany John and Lynn Tieken

The world says, "All is lost."
God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying."
The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."
As we light our first Advent candle,
we pray for holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

INTROIT When God is a Child Worship Ensemble

*Opening Sentences Liturgist: Kathy Porter
When will God's promise be fulfilled?
The days are surely coming.
When we will be saved?
The days are surely coming.
How will we know the signs to take place?
The days are surely coming
when a branch from David shall come forth
to execute justice and righteousness in the land.
What shall it be called?
The Lord is our righteousness.

*Hymn #357 The Days Are Surely Coming
Call to Confession
In humility let us confess our faults
to the Voice who proclaims our forgiveness.

Coming Christ,
you may not find us as you hoped.
We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see.
We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear.
We are numb to inconvenient truths.
Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.
Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.
Sharpen our minds clouded by worries.
Sober our lives addicted to privilege.
Show us the signs of your coming,
that we may stand before you, the Son of Humanity,
in whose name we pray.

Declaration of Forgiveness
Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bible p. 694, LG p. 903
A voice is crying in the wilderness: Listen to the word of the Lord.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Bible p. 192, LG p. 246
Listen to the word of the Lord.
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36 Bible p. 80-81, LG p. 104-105
The Spirit of the Lord is speaking. Hear the word of the Lord.
Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Advent 1: Disruption, Part 2

Ascription of Praise

Response

*HYMN #350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Affirmation of Faith
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.