



**November 27, 2022 - 10:00am**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

**PRELUDE** | *Prelude on Veni, veni Emmanuel* by Paul Fey | Anna Pan, organist

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Rev. Erica Thompson

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE** | David Figliuzzi and Rob Phillips (married at AHCC on June 28, 2022)

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths.'"

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored – as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

**\*OPENING HYMN #116** | *People, Look East*

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**God of hope, who brought love into this world, come now and be the love that dwells between us.**

**God of hope, who brought peace into this world, come now and be the peace that dwells between us.**

**God of hope, who brought joy into this world, come now and be the joy that dwells between us.**

**God of hope, the rock we stand upon, come now and be the center, the focus of our lives during Advent and always. Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC** | *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* by Paul Manz | AHCC Sanctuary Choir

Peace be to you, and grace from him, who freed us from our sins; who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord almighty God. Who was, and is, and is to come: sing holy, holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein, rejoice

on earth ye saints below. For Christ is coming, is coming soon. For Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord, Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**TESTIMONY OF HOPE** | *Karen Conover (new member)*

**OFFERTORY** | *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw | AHCC Sanctuary Choir  
O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice!

#### **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**PROPHETIC READING** | *Isaiah 2:1-5*

**GOSPEL READING** | *Matthew 1:1-17* | *David Figliuzzi, Member in Discernment*

**SERMON** | *A Season of Ascents & Descents* | *Rev. Erica Thompson*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #121** | *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** | *Fugue in G minor, BWV 578* by J.S. Bach | *Anna Pan, organist*

*\*Please rise on your feet or in your heart.*

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