



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Advent | December 5, 2021

**Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.*

❖ Called by God We Gather ❖

GATHERING MUSIC & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Lynn Auman, violin

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

OPENING SENTENCES GATHERED AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH

Marvin & Linda Stackhouse, 8:30AM
Don & Carol Kauffman, 11:00AM

Leader: O God, we ask, "Where do we see hope?" then remember:

Choir: In the light that shines in darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Cong.: In the light of one candle that illumines a face
or ignites a thousand other candles.

Choir: In the human fragility of a baby, full of promise.,

Cong.: For unto us a child is born, and he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

Leader: God, we light this second candle, for hope in you
is like light shining in the darkness.

🕯️ (*Advent Candle lighters return back to their seats.*)

*ADVENT HYMN #104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*
vv. 1 & 3

VALET WILL ICE DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Praise be to you, **God always faithful**,
you are the source of all hope.

Praise be to you, **God always gracious,**
you are the hope beyond hope;
the hope beyond earthly hope that saves us.

Praise be to you, **God ever present,**
you are the hope – heard, seen, shared, and proclaimed –
that tethers us to you – like a strong rope –
and strengthens us to keep going
because we know that we are not alone.

Sung Response:



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; for tru - ly my hope is in you.

TEXT: Psalm 62:5. MUSIC: Plainson adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852 VENI EMMANUEL

Holy God,
if hope is the strong rope that tethers us to you,
then grace is your searching light that seeks us
and your loving embrace that greets us.
Trusting in you and your promises fulfilled,
believing in you and your redeeming grace,
we confess our ways that are hard to admit.

(Silent confession)

God, always with us, **forgive us when our waning hope makes our love for you and neighbor suffer. Pull us up, Lord! Let our words and actions testify to the unending hope we have in you – hope that lifts us from despair, strengthens us when weak, comforts us when troubled, stirs our anger at injustice, and makes us brave to love others. Yes, pull us up! We pray this in the name of the One who is hope for the world. Amen.**

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends,
We are not alone.
Our hope is in the good news
that God has come to live with us.
Christ dwells among us,
and in Christ is life,
and the life is the light of all people.
In Christ, God reclaims, redeems, and restores all of creation.
By this grace our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #100

v. 2

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR COUNTY DOWN

❖ **To Hear God's Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 139:7-12 & John 1:1-5

ANTHEM

Emmanuel

Peter Johns

Everywhere, Jesus is everywhere. He's never far from where you are. Always near, Jesus is always near. Just lift your eyes and you'll be surprised! Even when hope is gone, his strength will carry on. Nothin you do or say can make him go away. In the darkness he's the light. In the struggle, strength to fight. Emmanuel, our God is with us. In the valley of despair, lift your eyes and you'll see there Emmanuel, our God is with us. Jesus is here, Emmanuel. Jesus is here, Emmanuel.

SERMON

"See Hope"

Rev. Laura Viau

❖ **To Respond in Faith with Gratitude** ❖

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

After Communion Prayer

God of light and darkness,

You are present in the darkest of nights and the brightest of days.

As our candles shine, bringing light to this room,

may your love shine, bringing hope to the world.

Silently or aloud, we pray for those who feel lost, lonely, or heartbroken.

[Share prayer requests, calling out a name if for another or short phrase (a new friend, give me direction) if for you.]

As our candles shine, bringing light and warmth to this room,

may your love shine, bringing joy and peace to the world.

Silently or aloud, we pray for those celebrating new life seen in relationships, healing, and answered prayers.

[Share thank offerings by calling out a name if for another or a short phrase (new job, headache gone, acceptance) if for you.]

Loaf and juice, light and darkness,

they are signs of your presence and hope;

they are gifts of your creation and love.

As you have filled our lives with hope and love,

**may we be a source of your hope and love for others
offering love upon love, grace upon grace, shalom upon shalom.**

We offer these prayers in the name of the one who was, is, and ever will be our hope, remembering the prayer he taught us...

Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in hymnal

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN

Word of God, When All Was Silent

REGENT SQUARE

***Word of God, when all was silent, Source of all that was to be;
with the Father and the Spirit, One throughout eternity:
When you spoke the whole creation came to birth by your decree.***

***Word of God, your call, unsilenced, sounds throughout our passing years,
seeking, probing, penetrating by its truth our doubts and fears:
speak to us until we hear you; open dulled and deafened ears.***

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CLOSING MUSIC



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