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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
NOVEMBER 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

*“Not I, nor anyone else can travel that road for you.
You must travel it by yourself.
It is not far. It is within reach.
Perhaps you have been on it since you were born, and did not know.
Perhaps it is everywhere - on water and land.”
Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass*

PRELUDE

“Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night” *arr. Mansfield*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(from Joanna Harader)

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in the Lord because we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: even as we hope in you.

All sing or hum:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Leader: Just as a flame, however small, can overwhelm the deepest darkness,

People: so the hope we have in Christ can light our way out of despair and into the fullness of life.

Leader: May our acts of worship this morning increase the light, diminish the darkness

People: for ourselves and for our world.

Leader: Let us worship fully today and all days. We light the first candle of Advent for hope.

One candle at home and on the altar are lit

HYMN #196 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Psalm 130:5-6
Dexter Time
Children's Prayer
Lord's Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"
Luanne Crosby, vocalist

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *arr. Robert Lowell*

BLESSING & AMEN

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 130 *The Inclusive Bible*

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, God!

People: God, hear my voice!

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to my voice,

People: my cries for mercy!

Leader: If you kept track of our sins, God, who could stand before you? But with you is forgiveness,

People: and for this we revere you.

Leader: So I wait for you, God; my soul waits,

People: and in your word I place my trust.

Leader: My soul longs for you, God, more than sentinels long for the dawn,

People: more than sentinels long for the dawn.

Leader: Israel, put your hope in God, for with God is abundant love

People: and the fullness of deliverance;

Leader: God will deliver Israel

People: from all its failings.

HYMN #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

**SCRIPTURE READING
REFLECTION**

Isaiah 40:1-5

HYMN #202

“People, Look East”

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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Leader: Soli deo gloria
People: Soli deo gloria
Leader: To God alone all glory be
People: To God alone all glory be
All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Rick Stephens
Flowers.....Advent Wreath
Special Music.....Luanne Crosby
Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O’Connor
Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

- **Hanging of the Greens following worship**

**Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday in Advent - Communion**

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Eliza Ordway
Flowers.....Advent Wreath

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Heather Meacham (broken arm), the Napolitano family on the death of Dan's father, the Finlay family on the death of Terry (condolences may be sent to Judith Finlay, 2857 Copley Ave, San Diego, CA 92116)

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Allegany Cattaraugus Chautauqua Fund for Women

The UUC Board of Elders has selected the Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women (ACC FFW) as Mission of the Month for November. The fund was established "as a resource that will provide financial assistance and open doors for women who seek continued betterment." Thanks to the generosity of donors, through fundraising and direct donations, 9 grants were awarded in 2019. Please make checks out to UUC with ACC FFW on the memo line.

Cookies for Christmas Boxes – Please use the following link to sign up to provide Christmas cookies for the Christmas Boxes <https://forms.gle/hMqWYx4zBvrVcy4p9>

Cookies for Food Pantry - Bring cookies in tins to the Church Center on Wed or Thurs, Dec. 9 or 10, or bring them to the Buckwalter home on Dec. 12.

Coats for Cameron Ministries – Coats, mittens, scarves, hats, boots, etc. for Cameron Ministries are due on Dec. 11. There are two blue bins outside the Church Center doors for winter clothing collection.

Vote for Hart House – Don't forget to vote for Hart House in hopes of helping them win \$10,000! Here is the voting link <https://energize-us-society.siemens-energy-projects.com/video-gallery> It is also listed on our church web page. You can vote every day until Dec. 11.