

November 29th 2020, 10:30 AM

WORD OF WELCOME,

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: WEEK 1 – “HOPE” (CONGREGATION SPEAKS RESPONSES IN BOLD PRINT)

Behold the days are surely coming!

The days of God’s promise!

The days when a righteous branch will spring up for David!

The days when justice and righteousness will exist in our land!

The days when we will know that the Lord is our Righteousness!

The days of God’s Hope.

Today we begin Advent. Today we light the Hope candle. (light candle)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (CONGREGATION SPEAKS RESPONSES IN BOLD PRINT)

Praise to the Lord, who is able to deliver.

We could walk through fire with God at our side.

Our God is greater than any earthly king,

Let us worship the God of our salvation!

**HYMN: “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

CALL TO OFFERING****

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For all that you have bestowed upon us, O Lord, we give you thanks. Out of the gratitude of our hearts we present these gifts, dedicating them to your merciful work on behalf of all those less fortunate than ourselves. May they be a testimony to the miracles you have brought about on behalf of your faithful people. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (BELOW)

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

REFLECTION HYMN: "BE THOU MY VISION"

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.*

Faithful God,

Your promises have never wavered, and yet we are not always willing to believe them. We descend into our own despair, unable to see past our immediate concerns. We drag others down with us and live to complain and commiserate. We ignore the miracles in front of our face. Forgive us for living such small lives, O Lord, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is faithful; God is merciful; God does not hold our sins against us! For this we give you thanks, O Lord. Receive the assurance of your deliverance by the One who promised from of old to set us free, and who seeks and finds us to this very day. Alleluia! Amen.

SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 6:6-27

MESSAGE: "THE LION'S DEN"

**HYMN: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

**THE BENEDICTION