**November 28, 2021**

 Prelude Rachel Hopple

 Bringing in the Light of Christ

 Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you!
 **And also with you!**Let us turn our hearts to God in worship.

Call to worship

Can one be homesick for something you’ve never known?

 **We are homesick for a just world,**

 **for peace like rivers,**

 **for the end of suffering.**

Yes, we are homesick—

 **for joy that is contagious,**

 **for nations that feel like neighbors,**

 **and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

 **We are homesick, but we are on our way.**

 **God is here. God is still creating.**

 **Let us worship Holy God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG (*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

no. 363 vs 1, 4)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SUNG REPSONSE *(Tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, no. 347)
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As we light the candle of hope,

 We await the Christ yet to come

 Hoping for a world of shalom,

 One where we are closely known.

 Chri-ist come to us, upon our earth do dwell,

 May we carry hope close to home.

 hymn of THE DAY (*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* no. 350, vs. 1, 2)

 Call TO RECONCILIATION

 UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 **Gracious God,**

 **We find ourselves with two options every day—**

 **to stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win.**

 **Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel?**

 **Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it’s
 impossible?**

 **Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins.**

 **Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it to fuel a better world.**

 **Kindle in us a hope that won’t let go.**

 **Gratefully we pray, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA *(“Gloria” from “Angels We Have Heard on High”)*

 PASSING OF THE PEACE

 A TIME TO WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN
 SPECIAL MUSIC *“A Child of Hope” arr. Smith*

 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

 *Respond with* **but your words will last.**

THE LESSONS OF THE DAY: LUKE 21:25-36

 THE MESSAGE “I Wanna Go Home”

 RESPONDING WITH OUR MUSIC (*Canticle of the Turning,* no. 100)

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

 **Offertory**  Rachel Hopple
 **Advent Response** *(“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”* no. 654) **Prayer of Dedication**

 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
 Lord of Mercy, **Bring Us Hope!** *or*

 Hope of the World, **Shine down on us!**

 ADVENT BENEDICTION

 Taking the Light of Christ into the World

 Sending HYMN *(Christ Be Our Light* no. 314)

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**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**