**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)

Postlude Rachel Hopple

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