EVEN SO COME, LORD JESUS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

CHORAL CALL to ADVENT

“Advent Gathering”

Choir: Here in this world where darkness surrounds us
Congregation: Show us your face, O Promise of Dawn
Choir: We seek a sign that you are among us
Congregation: Show us you face, O Lord Jesus Come

Congregation and Choir:
Come, O hope of your people. Come among us and stay
Lead us in mercy, up from the shadows,
Shine in our darkness, be here today

Choir: Where is the peace you promised the widow
Congregation: Show us your face, O Promise of Dawn
Choir: Where is the home you promised the orphan
Congregation: Show us your face, O Promise of Dawn

Congregation and Choir:
Come, O hope of your people. Come among us and stay
Lead us in mercy, up from the shadows,
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Choir: Where is the road you promised the exile?
Congregation: Show us your face, O promise of Dawn
Choir: Where is the good news preached to the lowly
Congregation: Show us your face, O Promise of Dawn

Congregation and Choir:
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Choir: Where is the heart whose “yes” is salvation

CANDLELIGHTING LITURGY

“The Candle of Hope”

Read by Billye and Roger Auclair

OPENING PRAYER

God of hope, make us ready for this Advent. Prepare us for the Way of the Lord. We are listening to your Word as you announce the arrival of our Savior, who is Jesus, our brother and Redeemer. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Why do we light the Advent candle of Hope?
People: To remember this truth: Jesus is the Light of the World and we who follow Him do not walk in darkness but have the Light of Life. In him the nations will put their hope.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Come Oh Long Expected Jesus” #122

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are captive and exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We confess that we have placed our hope in lesser things. We are lost, in need of your help.

Renew our hope.

Silent moments of waiting

*ASCIPTION of PRAISE

“Gloria, in excelsis Deo”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Hebrew promise of a coming Savior. AMEN

ANTHEM Hadwen Park Choir

GOSPEL LESSON from Luke 21

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Leader: The gospel of Christ for the People of Christ. AMEN

SERMON Hope Amidst Pessimism

PRAYER REQUESTS, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Benevolence goes to HPC members who are having financial difficulties.

Make these check to HPC, mark BENEVOLENCE in the memo.

We have started a new fund this year, it is for children of HPC who will not have Christmas without us. We will be their Santa Claus! Thanks for by writing a check to HPC, mark HPC TOYS in the memo.

OFFERTORY Hadwen Park Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, the son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”
Let the poor say “I am rich” because of what
the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.”

Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender care

And, take us to heaven to live with you there.

*PARTING HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #116 (vs 1,6,7)

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“One in love, one in friendship true,
one in hope, one in spirit too, one in faith that God will care for you, until we meet together again.”

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