



Order of Worship

Nov 27, 2022

I do the very best I can to look upon life with optimism and hope and looking forward to a better day.”~ Rosa Parks

*****Please Stand in Body or Spirit***

Welcome

Music for Centering

Gen Nelwan

****Praise and Worship**

Shout to the Lord/Come, Now is the Time to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Mary Sulek

Blessed be the God of hope,
who has done wondrous things.
Blessed be the God of hope,
who walks with us in even the most terrible of times.
Blessed be the God of hope,
who calls us to faith and trust,
that better days are on their way.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Andy Fourie

Scripture promises that those who hope in the Lord will renew our strength. In this season when weariness is in ready supply, we light the first candle remembering that Jesus is our hope. In Christ, our hope and Prince of Peace, God renews our strength—no matter how dark the days or how harried our lives.

Advent Candle Prayer for Hope

Hope of the world, heal our weariness and despair.
Enter our lives with joy and celebration.
Be the hope that sustains and strengthens us
as we live and grow as your beloved children,
even as we prepare to celebrate your birth
as a child among us.
In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Time with Children

Pastor Drew Davis

Prepare for Worship

Come thou long Expected Jesus (UMH 196)

Prayer time with Lord's Prayer

Mary Sulek

You are a like the cedars of Lebanon, Mighty One,
for you adorn the temples of our lives
and fill our senses with the sweetness
of your salvation.
Purify our lives when we stray from your precepts.
Bring us into your kingdom when we lose our way.
Touch us with your immortality when settle for things that perish.
We are ready for your coming, O God,
the coming of your royal kingdom. Amen.

Our Father, which 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 trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Mary Sulek

May our God of hope fill you with peace—
that you may trust completely,
and be redeemed by God’s grace each day.
May you be purified in the holiness of Christ’s presence,
that we may abide in the glory of God’s kingdom.

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-9

Mary Sulek

Sermon Title

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Pastor Drew Davis

Time for Holy Communion

Prayer of Giving

Mary Sulek

God of justice and love,
thank you for pouring the yearning for justice and love
into our hearts and our world.
Receive these gifts we return to you now,
and transform them to be instruments of justice,
promises of hope, and gifts of love
for a world yearning for the glory of your kingdom.

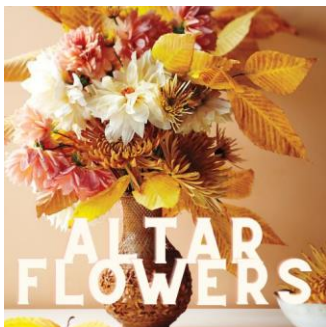
****Song of Response**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (UMH 218)

****Prayer of Benediction**

Pastor Drew Davis

Go forth with hope.
Go forth with joy.
Go forth with faith.
Go forth with rest, as your spirits abide in God’s kingdom.
But most of all, go forth with God’s greatest gift of all—
the gift of love!



In celebration of Ray Aller’s birthday

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