



November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude		Chris Grenninger
Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope		Pastors Colleen & Kathryn
When holiday festivities and traditions are upended by pandemics, when pews remain empty and sanctuaries fall silent, ancient prophets arise from the sacred pages and call to us: <i>"Do not be afraid to hold hope!"</i> With trembling hearts but steady hands, we light the first candle of Advent and allow our hearts the faint glow of hope. We hope in God, we hope in a promise, we hope in union with all who wait. Come, Lord Jesus.		
Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, O Might Gates" CH #129 stz. 3 (CCLI #1863214) Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here, Christ, abide! Let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.		
Greetings		Pastor Kathryn
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-45	Colleen, Chris, Kathryn, Leanna
Sermon	"Do Not Be Afraid to Hold Hope"	Pastor Colleen
Bidding Prayer		Pastor Kathryn
Sung Response: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" CH #119 stz. 1,2 (Public Domain) 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! O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!		
Communion Meditation and Prayer		Leanna Carrol
Words of Institution		Pastor Colleen
Offertory Meditation, Prayer		Leanna Carrol
Mission Challenge		Pastor Kathryn
Benediction		Pastor Colleen
Postlude		Chris Greninger

