

**November 29, 2020**  
*First Sunday of Advent*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L The power of dreams lies in waking up.  
For when we close our eyes –

**All We can see a better world.**

L When we close our eyes –

**All We can dream a better dream.**

L But when we open our eyes –

**All We begin the work of faith.**

L The power of worship is the same.

**All We dream a better dream.**

L When we open our eyes –

**All Our dreams find hope here, as we begin the work of faith.**

L So come in, and dream a dream. Let it be so.

♫ *Flute music begins softly as liturgy continues*

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: CANDLE OF HOPE

L So come in and dream:

**All We dream of the days where we could be part of a crowd.**

L I dream of empty beds in jail cells.

**All We dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.**

L I dream of schools with enough money to teach kids.

**All We dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days,  
then we might forget that this is not what God imagined.**

L So today we light the candle of hope,  
for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat.

*Light Candle*

**All May this light be our invitation to be Advent people –  
people who dream. Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. God of Dreams, over and over again in scripture,  
we hear your dream for a just world.

**All We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation.  
We hear your dream for community and hope.  
We continue to live with the curtains drawn,  
the covers pulled tight,  
eyes shut to the realities of the world.  
Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us  
that will burn through the darkest nights.**

P. God of Dreams, pour out your Spirit on our hearts and minds  
so that we may see what you see, and dream what you dream.  
Gratefully we pray.

**All Amen.**

## READING: ISAIAH 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

L Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**All Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

L Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**All O Lord GOD of hosts, how long will you be angry  
with your people's prayers?**

L You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**All You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.**

L Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**All But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

L Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.

**All Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

#### GOSPEL READING: MARK 13:24-37

Jesus said, <sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

MESSAGE: Intern Pastor Lucas Shurson

MUSIC: *Creator of the Stars of Night* vs. 1,2,4,5 ELW #245

<sup>1</sup> *Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.*

<sup>2</sup> *When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.*

<sup>4</sup> *Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.*

<sup>5</sup> *To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.*

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

L We believe in God.

**All We believe that God has dreams for humanity.**

L We believe in the Holy Spirit.

**All We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.**

L We believe in Jesus.

**All We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up. Inviting us to be the church in the world.**

L We believe in dreams.

**All We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.**

L So in this Advent season,

**All We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS — SHARING OF PEACE — OFFERING OF GIFTS

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*DISTRIBUTION – Drive-By for Communion & Devotional 9:45 to 10:45*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

## **PARTICIPANTS**

PASTORS: Julie Rogness, Intern Pastor Lucas Shurson

MUSIC: Tammy Hanson, Katie Van Epps

TECH: Jim Braaten, Steve Johnson, Bill Lewis, Dan Rogness, Holly Aldorfer

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sid Strandemo, Faye Marcuson, Ron Grose, Barb Schaller, Lila Cole, Colette Flom, lone Overby, Lynn Fromm (sister of Ed Fletcher), Ken Wold, Don Kirchmann, Bernie Mattson, Eloise Berg, David Rapp family on the death of Dave's dad – George Rapp, the family of Stephen Berge, & the family of Donna Mattson.

## **CALENDAR**

Tue/Dec 1	6:30	Worship Committee/Zoom
Sun/Dec 6	9:00	Advent 2: <i>Those Who Dream...Prepare the Way (Peace)</i>



### **Christmas Plants For our Sanctuary—desired before Sunday, December 6**

Please purchase your own & arrange delivery to the church. If the plant is in Honor/Memory of a loved one, please let us know the Remembered Name(s) and Giver Name(s) so we can list them in the Christmas bulletin. You may use this form and include it with the plant, or drop it in the mail to us, or call or e-mail the office.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF .....

GIVEN BY .....

POINSETTIA SYMBOLISM: The Aztec Indians had special symbolism for the poinsettia. They too thought that it looked much like a star and named it, what translates to, star flower. They said that the poinsettia easily symbolized **purity, holiness, and wisdom or intelligence.**

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