



## Gathering Prayer

**Gracious God, who grounds us in hope, plant us according to your grace, in the furrows of the world, like seed in bare ground, and give us patience to await the blooming of your will on earth. Warm us by your grace and with your Holy Spirit grow us into the flower of your body, your church, through Jesus Christ, the one who was and is, and is to come. Amen.**

## The Lesson

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

## Advent Wreath Song

"While We Are Waiting"

1. While we are waiting, come; While we are waiting, come.

Chorus: Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, While we are waiting, come.

2. With power and glory, come; with power and glory come;

3. Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Gentry Hammons

Response: **We light this candle for Hope, because we know you are the hope of all the world. Light your hope within our hearts that as we share your love, others may find the hope you have given us to share. Amen.**

## Anthem

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

Holst/Bertalot

## Good News for Young Hearts

*Anne Stagner*

December 2, 2018 - 9:00 am

## \*Gospel Acclamation

"Lo How a Rose E're Blooming"

vs.1 UMH 216

## \*The Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

Jesus said, "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."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day 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."

The Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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"Lo How a Rose E're Blooming"

vs. 3 UMH 216

## A Sermon

"Planted in Hope"

*Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis*

## The Offering

Offertory

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*Doxology

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" vs. 1&amp; 3 UMH 184

\* Prayer of Dedication

**You, who are our hope, receive our gifts that the hope we know in you may be known in the lives of others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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