

WORSHIP HANDOUT

November 29, 2020

A Person of Hope



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Bible Study via Zoom on Monday evenings.
Still some Advent Take Home Kits if you want one. Let PA know.
Help us Decorate for Advent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Are we ready?

This question, put to us on this first Sunday in Advent,
is a very personal one.

Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
Are we ready?

Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts,
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Are we ready?

Ready for the coming of Christ Jesus
with the mercy which is judgement
and the judgement which is mercy?

Are we ready?

Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts,
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

God of strange reversals and healing mysteries, we thank you for giving us a Divine King who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Enable us, when we are confronted by the vulnerability and suffering of others, to make those choices that will keep us in tune with your generous love, and thereby create small colonies of heaven where you are truly worshipped and glorified. For your name's sake. **Amen!**

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1

CEB

Isaiah 64:1-9

If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!

Mountains would quake before you

² **like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil.**

**If you would make your name known to your enemies,
the nations would tremble in your presence.**

³ **When you accomplished wonders beyond all our
expectations;**

when you came down, mountains quaked before you.

⁴ **From ancient times,**

no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any god but you

who acts on behalf of those who wait for him!

**⁵ You look after those who gladly do right;
they will praise you for your ways.
But you were angry when we sinned;
you hid yourself when we did wrong.**

**⁶ We have all become like the unclean;
all our righteous deeds are like a menstrual rag.
All of us wither like a leaf;
our sins, like the wind, carry us away.**

**⁷ No one calls on your name;
no one bothers to hold on to you,
for you have hidden yourself from us,
and have handed us over to our sin.**

**⁸ But now, Lord, you are our father.
We are the clay, and you are our potter.
All of us are the work of your hand.**

**⁹ Don't rage so fiercely, Lord;
don't hold our sins against us forever,
but gaze now on your people, all of us:**

LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ “In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. ²⁵ The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. ²⁷ Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

²⁸ “Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he's near, at the door. ³⁰ I assure you that this generation won't pass away until all these things

happen. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³² “But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. ³³ Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. ³⁴ It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. ³⁵ Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. ³⁶ Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Ready for the Moment

HYMN

Hymn of Promise UMH 707

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Let us pray.

**O God,
who desires good for all creatures,
satisfy our hunger not just for food,
but for freedom, truth, justice and love.**

**O Risen Christ,
you revealed yourself to us
as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people.
We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.**

**O Holy Spirit,
bless these gifts and abide in our hearts
so that our gifts and our actions
may live out our faith,
glorify God,
and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—from [A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving](#) written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the ELCA, and posted on [Liturgy by TLW](#).

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204

POSTLUDE