

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
November 28<sup>th</sup>  
First Sunday of Advent – Hope  
Communion  
“The Precipice” series



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Closet Reopen 9-11

Advent Bible Study Starts Thur Night on Zoom at 7:30pm

PRELUDE

\*OPENING SONG

“Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates” (Verse 3) UMH 213

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Hope

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth  
and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

**P: The Lord is our righteousness.**

L: The days are surely coming, says our God,  
when justice and mercy will be executed  
throughout the land.

**P: The Lord is our righteousness.**

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways,  
and heal the world with love and mercy.

The Lord is our righteousness.

\*HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1,2, 5-7 UMH #211

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Righteous one,  
to you alone  
we lift our souls;  
in you alone  
we place our trust;  
for you alone  
we wait all day long.  
For you are the God  
of our salvation,  
abounding in mercy  
and steadfast love.  
Help us remain alert and watchful  
for the coming of your promised one—  
the one who comes with power and glory,  
the one drawing near  
to bring our salvation. Amen.**

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SILENT PRAYERS (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.

HYMN “In the Garden” (Lee Flagg’s favorite)

UMH #314

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1

CEB

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**14** The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. **15** In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. **16** In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

\*LESSON 2

CEB

Luke 21:25-36

**25** "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. **26** The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. **27** Then they will see the Human One coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. **28** Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near."

**29** Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. **30** When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. **31** In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near. **32** I assure you that this generation won't pass away until everything has happened. **33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

**34** "Take care that your hearts aren't dulled by drinking parties, drunkenness, and the anxieties of day-to-day life.

**Don't let that day fall upon you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. It will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. 36 Stay alert at all times, praying that you are strong enough to escape everything that is about to happen and to stand before the Human One."**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Hope, for more than the grind."

HYMN "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" UMH #623

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,  
giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

POSTLUDE