### **WORSHIP HANDOUT**

Sunday December 1st 1st Sunday of Advent: Hope In the Beginning

**OPENING OF WORSHIP** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PRELUDE** 

\*SONG OF WELCOME Come Thou Long Expected Jesus – Meredith Andrews Version

\*CALL TO WORSHIP
Something Stirs,
And we move in response.
Our souls begin to awaken,
A candle is lit within our core.
A Word whispers to us,
And creates in us, Hope.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord you have been at work in the world since it began, crafting and creating. God you have ordered and guided, by calling forth the light. Call forth the light into our hearts and lives, light the candle of Hope in us that we would become bearers of it for the world. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES - Hope

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Waiting, Waiting by James Ritchie

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

## \*HYMN O God Who Shaped Creation UMH 443

TIME OF PRAYER
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.

PRAYER HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206 vI

LESSON I Genesis 1: 1-3 CEB

When God began to create the heavens and the earth— 2 the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— 3 God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

\*LESSON 2 John I: I-4 CEB

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

- 2 The Word was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.

## What came into being

4 through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

This is the Word of God for all people. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE A very good place to start

\*HYMN People Look East UMH 202

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION INVITATION CONFESSION

In the beginning was the Word, into the world came the light. Yet we tuned out the Word and tried to turn off the light. Forgive us Lord for the places where we have covered the lamp and drowned out your whispers.

PARDON
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### **OFFERTORY**

\*DOXOLOGY

**UMH 95** 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God 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. Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** 

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Is right...we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Glory be to you, O Lord most high! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Almighty God...in remembrance of me

**BREAKING OF BREAD** 

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to your table, I merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, to partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we make walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

# RECEIVING COMMUNION

\*BENEDICTION

UMH 204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

POSTLUDE