

Hope



Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020 10:15 AM

The congregation is invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please be sure to wear a mask.

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude arranged by Joel Raney

"Hope"

Lighting of the First Advent Candle & Choral Response

One: In hope, we believe that God welcomes the saints of the Lord.

All: We praise God for our community, as we seek unity and help one another.

One: God has surrounded us by disciples and friends.

All: Even as the world is divided the Church is a sign of the hope we have in unity.

One: We Light this candle of hope, believing that your beloved Church is here, and your beloved community will continue to grow.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

make our lives and the lives of those around us even more challenging. Instead, God, may we look to the helpers for guidance. May we assist one another in love and kindness. Ultimately, may we be the helpers that this world so sorely needs.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

God of hope, fill us with your longing expectation that we might live for one another. Help us to understand that you are our hope, and despite our circumstances we can always look to you.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading

Romans 16:1-16

Sermon

"Look for the Helpers"

Musical Offering

by Mark Hall & Matt Maher

"Make Room"

*A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door.
It was for this a child was born:
To save a world so cold and hollow.*

*A sleeping town they did not know
That lying in a manger low,
A Savior king who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows.*

*Is there room in your heart, is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?*

*Shepherds counting sheep at night
Do not fear the glory light.
You are precious in His sight,
God has come to raise the lowly.*

*You can come as you are, it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart,
And trade your dreams for His glory.
Make room in your heart, make room in your heart.*

*A mother holds the promise tight
Every wrong will be made right.
The road is straight the burden's light,
For in His hands He holds tomorrow.*

Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn

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"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Blessing

Postlude

by Joseph Parry

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

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Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)

F

Gm



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)

C7

F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)

F7

B^b

Gm

F

Dm

Gm

A

Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

B^b

Gm

F

Dm

Gm

C7

F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.



Flowers today are given by Ben, Owen, and Brian Crane to the glory of God, in memory of Judy Guediche.

Participants in today's service: Kathy Zakarian (worship leader), Eric Deeter, Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders (music), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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