

GOING FORTH

✝ **Closing Hymn #706**

“Soon and Very Soon” [v.v. 1, 3]

VERY SOON

Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace [adapted from Laughingbird.net]

Go now in peace and be attentive so that you will not be caught up in the anxieties of the world. And may God make you increase in love for one another; may Jesus steer you in the way of truth; and may the Holy Spirit strengthen your hearts in holiness, as you ready yourselves for the coming of Jesus.

We go in peace to live in hope and to give hope. In the name of Christ, Emmanuel, Amen!

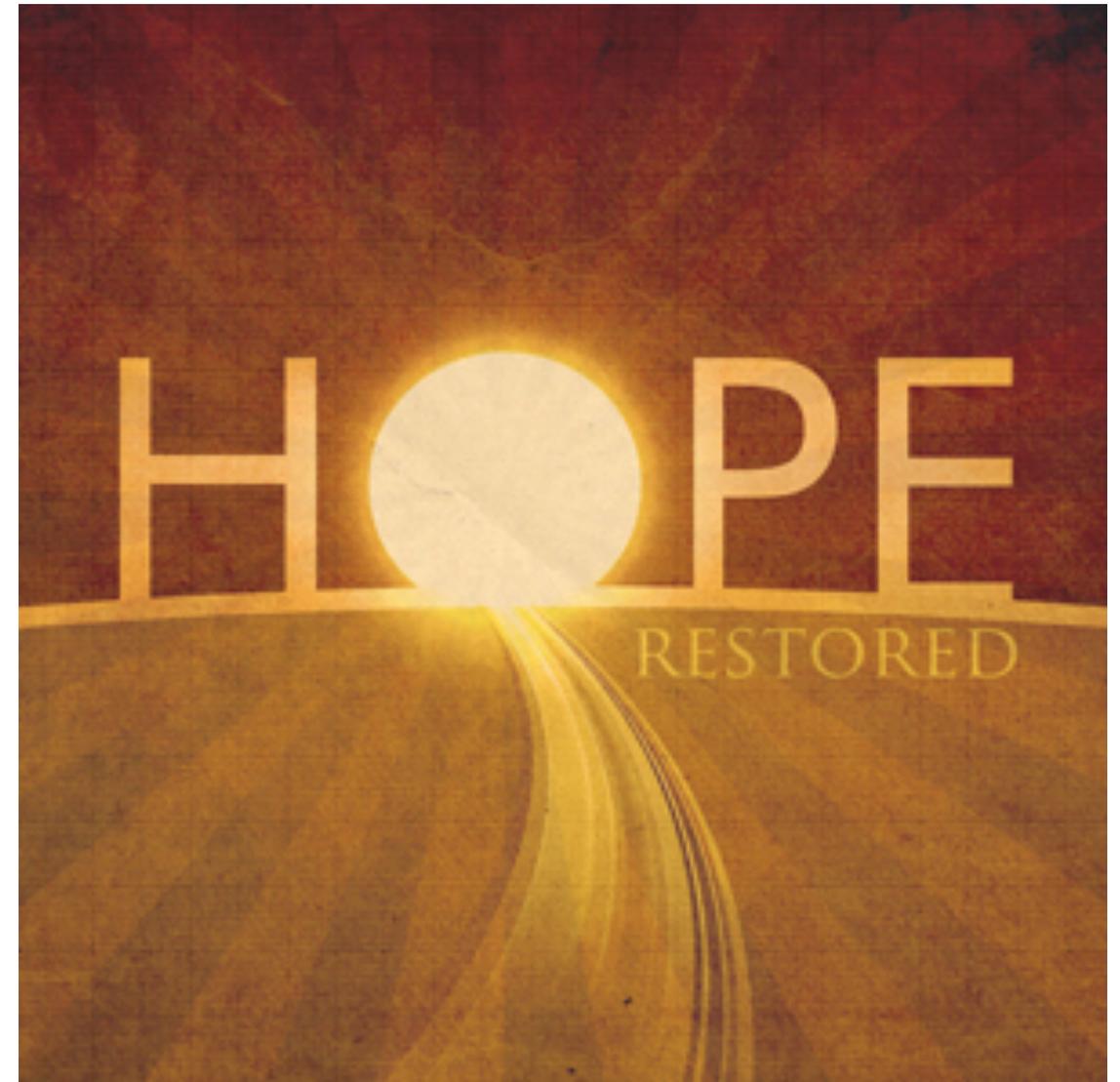
Postlude

“Klavierstück in C, KV 9a” by Mozart

Zoe Vandermeer

New Milford United Methodist Church

*First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015 at 9:30am*



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Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader | Ministers: All members of the New Milford UMC

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

*Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation
or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*

*** The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

† Means you are invited to stand if able and comfortable.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude “Andante in F; KV 616” by Mozart Zoe Vandermeer

Welcome & News [Please refer to the bulletin insert for “Our Life in Community” news]

† **Opening Hymn #196** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

† Call to Worship

To You, O God as Christ, we lift our souls,
longing for You to come once again into our lives.

Surely, in Jesus is our Salvation.

In You, O God as Christ, we would trust that goodness, wonder,
and grace are drawing near.

Surely, in Jesus is our Hope.

With You, O God as Christ,
we would walk your paths of righteousness and justice.

Surely, Jesus is our Way and today we celebrate!

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from “Watching” prayer Sacredise] Pastor Alex

Hymn #328 “Surely the Presence of the Lord” [2x]

Prayers of the People & LORD’s Prayer

[prayers of the people are lifted up...]

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 forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

[First candle is lit]

***Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives
and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope.***

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Anthem “Laudate Dominum” by Mozart, Zoe Vandermeer, featuring Peggy Little, soprano

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Sung Prayer for Illumination #211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [v. 1] VENI EMMANUEL

Hebrew Reading “Jeremiah 33:14-18” [MSG]

Children’s Message Pastor Alex

[Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children proceed to Sunday School.]

Sung Response #211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [v. 2] VENI EMMANUEL

† **Gospel Reading** “Luke 21:25-36” [NRSV] Sue Sterling

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on God’s Message “Advent Deeper: Live in hope | Give hope” Pastor Alex

† **Hymn of Response #211** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [V.V. 3, 4] VENI EMMANUEL

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes & Gifts “Adagio in C, KV 617a” by Mozart Zoe Vandermeer

† **Doxology #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer