



*the open door ~ praise & worship service
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*

11.30.16 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

visual reflection “Hope: A Child is coming” (ministrymatters.com)

lighting of the Advent candle of hope [Based on Psalm 130 and Romans 15]

In commemoration of Jesus' Birth, 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]

*Wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.
My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning.*

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

*For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with God is great power to redeem.*

*Wait for the LORD; be strong, let your heart take courage.
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

song “Here I Am to Worship”

song “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

bible reading “Isaiah 2:1-5” (MSG)

¹⁻⁵ The Message Isaiah got regarding Judah and Jerusalem:

There's a day coming
when the mountain of God's House
Will be The Mountain—
solid, towering over all mountains.
All nations will river toward it,
people from all over set out for it.

They'll say, "Come,
let's climb God's Mountain,
go to the House of the God of Jacob.
He'll show us the way he works
so we can live the way we're made."
Zion's the source of the revelation.
God's Message comes from Jerusalem.
He'll settle things fairly between nations.
He'll make things right between many peoples.
They'll turn their swords into shovels,
their spears into hoes.
No more will nation fight nation;
they won't play war anymore.
Come, family of Jacob,
let's live in the light of God.

The Word of God to the people of God! **Thanks be to God!**

children's moment

reflection

prayers of the people

presentation of the offerings

anthem

"Beautiful Things"

song

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

dance party with Jesus

"God of This City"

benediction & passing the peace

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