



"Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets, never consumed, though it burns through the years; dim in the daylight of power and privilege – when they are gone, hope will shine on."

-From Sing the Story #15

**RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist  
Christian Buller, horn

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Leroy Seat, worship leader

\*LIGHT PROCESSIONAL #172

*O come, O come, Immanuel*

st. 1-3 only

Joel Bollinger and Mitch Kaufman, candlelighters

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE WITH SUNG RESPONSE

Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37



Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.



Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.

SERMON

*Wake up call*

## **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE**

COMMUNION INVITATION     *Jesus Christ the apple tree*     arr. Schalk  
Nancy Bosché and Ashton Wells, bells

### **WORDS OF BLESSING**

### **SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP**

*Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.*

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #463**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

## **WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

### **SHARING JOY**

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### **SHARING CONCERNS**

### **PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

### **OFFERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.*

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

\*HYMN #178

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

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