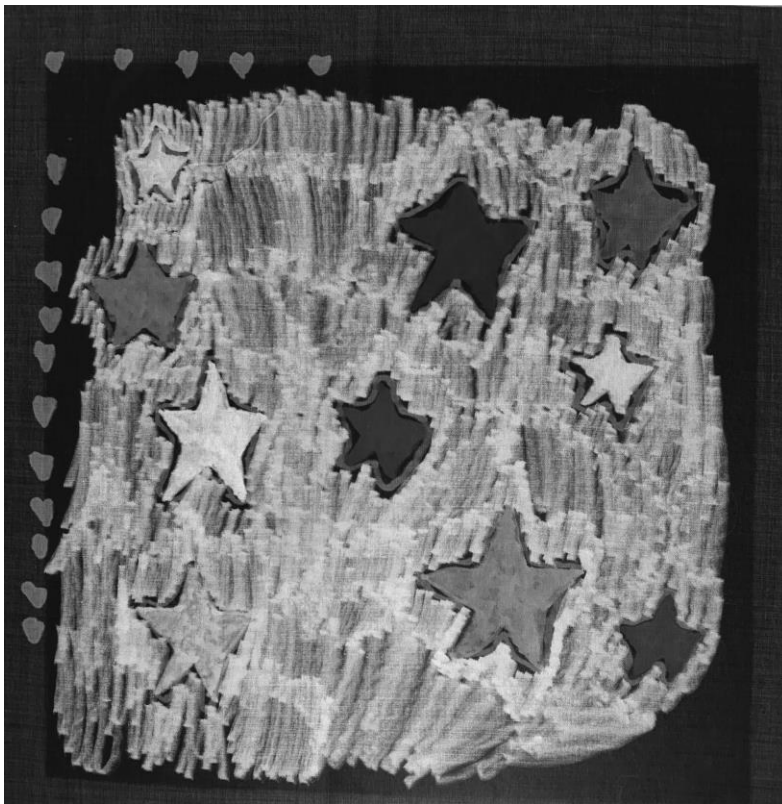


ADVENT 1
December 1, 2024

Crying out hope, peace, joy, and love in the (be)wilderness
Hope / Lekavot / Esperanza / Yamal



By Ryan Payne

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

CALL TO ADVENT: A VOICE OF **HOPE** CRIES OUT

Lonnie Buerge, Carmen Shelly

Isaiah 40:3-5, 28 retold

LIGHTING CANDLES OF HOPE

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Our light sculpture at the front was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas. This year we will light a different section for each Sunday of Advent. Today's lights are for **hope**.

Light a candle of hope, light a candle of love
Light a candle that shines, all around the world
Light a candle for me, light a candle for you
That our wish for world peace will one day come true.
Sing peace around the world

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carmen Shelly, worship leader

*HYMN VT 212

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

WE YEARN FOR HOPE

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON

Ruth Harder

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF HOPE

WORDS OF BLESSING, INVITATION AND SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Singing during communion: VT 121 *When at Creation's Dawn*

VT 237 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

Please come forward by the center aisle and 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.

WE SHARE OUR HOPES WITHIN THE (BE)WILDERNESS

SHARING HOPE

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

*HYMN VT 205

Light Dawns on a Weary World

*SENDING FORTH

One: The Lord gives *hope* to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

All: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand.

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