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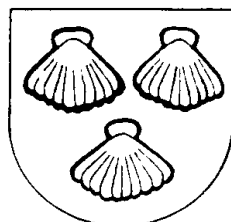
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“Being Present With Hope”

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We Celebrate Our Presence Together: Gathering

Prelude "O Come O Come Emanuel" *Offered by Jane Ohlmacher*
Cindy Berry Alfred Music 2013

Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Gathering Song "What Can I Give Him?" *Chancel Choir*

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise One, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? I will give my heart.
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Becoming Present - The Advent Ritual *Barbara Cook*

Liturgist: We unwrap a present on this first Sunday of Advent with great anticipation for the gift that God will reveal.

People: We open our hearts as we open the gift!

Reader: The promise of Hope is the Divine Gift we receive.

People: And what will we do with it?

Liturgist: The gift of hope is an essential survival tool because it reminds us that the hard times do not have the last word. Hope is not simply a wish. Hope calls us into action based on a belief that things can be different. We can work to bring about the better world that we hope for.

People: We light this Candle of Hope as a sign that we will be Present with Hope in the world.

"What Can I Give Him?" (see lyrics above)

Prayer of Presence *Barbara Cook*

**Holy Living Light of God, you are our Hopeful Presence.
Let this hope grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Hope to others.
Unwrap and open our hearts. May it be so. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring" *UMH 87*

1. What gift can we bring what present what token What words can convey it the joy of this day When grateful we come remembering rejoicing What song can we offer in honor and praise	2. Give thanks for the past for those who had vision Who planted and watered so dreams could come true Give thank for the now for study for worship For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed
3. Give thanks for tomorrow full of surprises For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring The Word is our promise always forever We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love	4. This gift we now bring this present this token These words can convey it the joy of this day When grateful we come remembering rejoicing This song we now offer in honor and praise

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The Word Present Among Us: Proclaiming

Children's Moment

Edie Candee

First Readings

Psalm 80: 1-2

Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned on the cherubim, shine out!
Shine out before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh!
Awaken your power and come to save us!
O God, return to us — let your face smile on us,
and we will be saved!

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1: 4-7 and Mark 13: 24-37 (CEB)

Barbara Cook

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou and thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Message

“Being Present With Hope”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Fully Present in the Moment: Praying

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Barbara Cook

“Right Here, Right Now”

Right here and right now we open our senses
to see and perceive the gifts we've been given,
to know and believe that what we must do
is open our hearts to let all gifts flow through.

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Offering

*Doxology

“Doxology for Advent” (Tune: Veni Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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Offering Prayer

*Please stand as able

Present to the World: Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

1. It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

3. And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

2. Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

4. For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet seen of old
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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Questions for Reflection

Who was a gift of presence to you this week? How did you offer yourself as a gift of presence?
What could you do this coming week that would allow God's gift of Hope to flow through you to someone else?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Living Light of God, you are our Hopeful Presence.
Let this hope grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Hope to others.
Unwrap and open our hearts. May it be so. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day.
Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die,
welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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