

December 2, 2018



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

10 am

Theme: Learning God's Paths of Hope

Prelude *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* (J.S. Bach) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mark Simone

Introit *I Shall Know Him When He Comes* (D.E. Wagner) Federated Choir

Call to Worship and lighting of Advent Candle of Hope Rev Susi Kawolics

Prayer of Confession (unison)

For those times we have put our hope in human things and human beings,
For those times we have let despair and apathy keep us from serving you,
For those times we have forgotten that you are with us, that you are for us,
that you are our hope,
We ask your forgiveness, O merciful God.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung response *Light Our Way* (Rupp) (See back for information)

Light our way, light our way, as we
jour - ney in the dark - ness.
Light our way, light our way,
Gift us with hope for our world.

* Those who are able stand **** Worshippers may be seated

One: As our children leave for Sunday School, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's hope and peace.

* **Passing of the Peace**

* **Hymn** *Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming* No 136

Scripture I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Prayers of the People and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Kawolics

* **Hymn** *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* No. 125

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem *How Far Is It To Bethlehem* (Arr. S. Paulus) Federated Choir

* **Hymn of Dedication** *To God, All Glorious Heavenly Light* (Tune: TALLIS' CANON)
To God, all glorious heavenly Light;
To Christ revealed in earthly night;
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Psalm 25:1-10

Sermon
(Children return from Sunday School)

* **Communion Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* No. 124

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Liturgy (sung)
(Adapted from Rev. Beth Quick, *A Sung Communion Liturgy for the Season of Advent*)

Congregational response (sung)
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Welcome to the Table

Come up the side aisles to the front of the Sanctuary to receive the sacrament. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, partake immediately. Then return to your seat by the center aisle. The gluten free option is available in the small bowls on the communion plates. Also, we use only unfermented grape juice in the cup. Communion in our church is open to all who seek to walk the way of our Savior, Jesus Christ. You need not be a member to share. Freely receive at this table a gift from God, never earned or deserved.

Communion Music *One Bread, One Body* (R. Schmaltze) Marcia Snavelly, organ
Of the Father's Love Begotten (W. Held)

* **Lord's Prayer**

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.

* **Hymn** *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless* (Beebe, TUNE: NETTLETON)

Let us hope when hope seems hopeless, when the dreams we dreamed have died.
When the morning breaks in brightness, hunger shall be satisfied.
One who sows the fields with weeping shall retrace the sorrowing way
and rejoice in harvest bounty at the breaking of the day.

Faith and hope in love's compassion will survive though knowledge cease,
though the tongues of joy fall silent, dull the words of prophecies.
Faith shall see and trust its object; hope shall set its anchor sure;
love shall bloom in Love eternal. Faith and hope and love endure.

Like a child outgrowing childhood, setting childhood things away,
we will learn to live in freedom, in the life of God's new day.
Now we see as in a mirror. Then we shall see face to face,
understand how love's compassion blossoms through amazing Grace.

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** *The King Shall Come* (E. Childs) Marcia Snavelly, organ

~Departing To Serve~

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