"Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope will come." - Greta Thunburg

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

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LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *L.Smith*

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When we let a car into traffic as we drive, we never know if it was appreciated.
P: Even so, we hope.
L: If we round up at the store for charity, we don't know if our few pennies make a difference.
P: Even so, we hope.
L: I've written bequests into my will. Will I get to know if they helped?
P: Even so, we hope.
L: I tell my child that she is intelligent and beautiful and strong, and don't know if what I say will be enough to counter everything they will encounter.
P: Even so, we hope.
L: We've spent our lives trying to move our world forward towards love and compassion and peace, and we will likely die with the work unfinished.
P: But maybe most importantly, we hope. Amen

LET US PREPARE

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" R110 (first verse only)

***HYMN** *We Gather Together* *R21*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

To join together through the ages and recite the same prayer again and again symbolizes our intent to continue the work. In hope of this, let us pray together: "Our Father…Amen."

LET US LISTEN

READINGS *Mark 13:24-37*

HYMN *Watcher, Tell Us of The Night* *B103*

REFLECTION *The Duty & Privilege of Hope* *Pastor Mark Harris*

ANTHEM *Advent Promise* *P.Martin*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Medema*

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us peace, send us grace. (twice)

PRAYER

(and once more)

L: Let the people say …
P: Amen and Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *As Lately We Watched* *S.DeFord*

***DOXOLOGY** B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

We give these gifts with intention. We give these gifts with purpose. We give these gifts with hope. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN** *Comfort, Comfort O My People* *B101*

***BENEDICTION**

***SEVEN FOLD AMEN** *R594*

POSTLUDE *Lift Up Your Hands, O Mighty Gates* *F.Ritter*

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