



Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation • A Peace with Justice Church
November 28th, 2021 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Grateful Praise* by Paul Taylor
Performed by Alaina DeBellevue

WELCOME and GATHERING WORDS Phillip Bradbury, Worship
Leader

MEDITATION *Time Remembered* by Bill Evans

CALL TO WORSHIP written by Nancy C. Townley

L: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.
P: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.
L: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.
P: Lord, we seek your presence among us.
L: Look closely! God is making us ready.
P: Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good
News. AMEN.

OPENING SONG *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*, The New
Century Hymnal #107

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION written by Kate Cudlipp

Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our
ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we
may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in
love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming
of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods
to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Karen Seashore & Dan Bratton

Reader 1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.
(Lights the first candle.)

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our
world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.
Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven
and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them
to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out
to God.

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps
us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This
Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

SONG: *Draw the Circle* led by Cole Kiersey

READINGS Luke 21:25-36; Selections from Paula Coelho *The
Alchemist* and *The Zahir*

SERMON What about the Signs? Rev. Jackie

COMMUNAL SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jackie

WORLD PEACE PRAYER Adapted from the Upanishads
Oh God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us
from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love,
from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Peace, peace, peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Ron Loree

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We give you but your own, what – e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Loving God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your
kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *God Be With You*, NCH #809