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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message – Faith

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Written by Rev Julia Seymour for LiturgyLink

We light one candle for hope. We hope for many things. We hope to finish what we start. We hope for long lives for the people we love. We hope that God will save us from hard times and painful lessons. Hope is the shape of our work and our words, while we wait for a future that only God knows.

Sing Light one candle vs 1 Light One Candle WOV 630 (vs 1)

Light one candle to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation and comfort, God fulfills the promise.

Holy and gracious God, your mercy and compassion are the foundation of our hope. Our desires for Your promised future flow out of Your past and present faithfulness. We thank you, O God. Our hope is in you. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Based on Psalm 85

As we await the birth of the Christ Child let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn now to God in their hearts.

Silence for repentance

Restore us again, O God of our salvation. Revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

God's salvation is at hand that God's glory may dwell among us. In this season of waiting, steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The Lord will give what is good. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Let us now worship God with hearts turned toward peace.

Opening Hymn

Christ Be Our Light ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your world alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)

Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain) Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain) Many the gifts, many the

people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of our waiting and watching, soon a child will be born for us, your Son given to us, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. May his holy peace surround us in these hope-filled days as we anticipate the Word becoming flesh and living among us once again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message – Rock Creek

Centering Song Sing Peace Around the World by Shelley Murley
[Sing Peace Around the World with lyrics](#)

Welcome the Word

What light of truth is offered here what covenant from heaven
What hope of everlasting life what wondrous word is given
This, this is Christ the king, the Prince of Peace from heaven
Oh, see and hear and sing the Word of God is given

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:3-13

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the

earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus LBW 30**
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope for all the earth thou art, dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer**

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

What feast of love is offered here what banquet come from heaven
What food of everlasting life what gracious gift is given
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing. How sweet the manna given

Offering Prayer

Generous God, as we await the gift of your Son we humbly give back to you what you have entrusted to our care. Do with it what you will for the sake of a weary, waiting world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Communion Liturgy by Carol Holbrook Prickett

Truly Jesus showed God's love to all, for while there was no room at the inn when he was born, he made sure that there is room for all at his table, even for the one who would betray him. For on the night before Jesus was handed over to die, he gathered around a table with his friends, he took bread...Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the wine we drink may become the very body and blood of Christ who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Holy One, we have met you at this table. Nourished by your holy food, send us out as your people, filled with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope for all who still hunger. We pray in the sacred name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

Sending Hymn

Rise, Shine You People LBW 393

Rise, shine you people Christ the Lord has entered our human story
God in him is centered. He comes to us by death and sin
surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the powers of evil reeling, he brings us freedom,
light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are
driven, now are forgiven

Come, celebrate your banners high unfurling; your songs and
prayer against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell
the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life
and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation.
His new creation.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!