

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT~HOPE 9:30 & 11:00 BULETIN OUTLINES

Sunday, November 28th, 2021

Opening Scripture: Jerimiah 33: 7-16 9:30 Krista Romagnoli 11:00 Linda New

⁷ I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity^[b] and will rebuild them as they were before. ⁸ I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. ⁹ Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.'

¹⁰ "This is what the LORD says: 'You say about this place, "It is a desolate waste, without people or animals.'" Yet in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are deserted, inhabited by neither people nor animals, there will be heard once more ¹¹ the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD, saying,

"Give thanks to the LORD Almighty,
for the LORD is good;
his love endures forever."

For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before,' says the LORD.

¹² "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In this place, desolate and without people or animals—in all its towns there will again be pastures for shepherds to rest their flocks. ¹³ In the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev, in the territory of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem and in the towns of Judah, flocks will again pass under the hand of the one who counts them,' says the LORD.

¹⁴ "'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "'In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.
This is the name by which it^[c] will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'

Hymn: "Come Thou Long -Expected Jesus" Hymnal 196

1. 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 of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. 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.

Welcome: Susan Stevens

Moment in History

Nick Wood

Call to Worship 9:30 Krista Romagnoli 11:00 Linda New

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission,
that the hope within might be the song we sing and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,
that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

Hymn: "It is Well With My Soul" Hymnal 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

Lighting of the Advent Candle~Hope Brenda Lawson and Kasey Barboza

Reader 1- Something stirs deep within us- a longing, a hope,

Reader 2- A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for a blessing.

Reader 1- We know deep within that our hopes and fears

Reader 2- Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

Reader 1- It is Advent-

Reader 2- Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Reader 1- Advent

Reader 2- Time to go home (light the first candle)

Prayers for the People

Susan Stevens

Heavenly Father, In this season of Advent our Hope is in the promise of the coming Lord. We prepare for the birth of a baby in a dusty stable in Bethlehem and remind ourselves that this child will become the Savior of the World who will return again in power and glory to draw all of his children together with songs of everlasting praise. To you, O Lord, we bring our lives. Take away our selfishness, and teach us to love the as you loved, take away our sense of pride, and show us the meaning of humility, take away our blindness, and show us the world through your eyes, take away our greed, and teach us to give as you gave, show us your ways, teach us your paths, that we might walk more closely, our hand you your hand, our feet in your footsteps, from a baby in a stable to eternity. Amen

Old Testament: Isaiah 9: 1-7 9:30 Krista Romagnoli 11:00 Linda New

9 [a]Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.**5** Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire. **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness

from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Susan Stevens
"Hope that Endures"



Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymnal 397

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

(Refrain)

3. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

(Refrain)

4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

(Refrain)

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

(Refrain)

Benediction: Susan Stevens

Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen