



St. Vincent UCC Live Stream Service
 First Sunday in Advent / November 28, 2021
Pastor's Greeting / Prelude Music



Call To Worship:

Pastor: Today we enter into the Season of Advent, a time of remembering, of waiting, of preparing.

People: We remember Advents past, but this Advent is new. We have new hopes, new things for which to wait.

Pastor: God has promised that good things are yet to come - so let us prepare ourselves. Let us remember and wait and worship God this day as we sing together our first hymn.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 2 & 7) (# 116, UCC Hymnal)
 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here –
 until the Child of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!
*O Come, O Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge
 show, and help us in that way to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*
 O Come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind. Make envy, strife, and
 quarrels cease – fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!



Lighting of the Advent Candle – the Candle of Hope

Sung Response:

(To the Tune of Away in a Manger)

"Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night, Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
 Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage, One candle is lit for the hope of the age."

Scripture Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

Hymn: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" (Verses 1 & 2) (# 127, UCC Hymnal)
 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints
 of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
*Isaiah had foretold it - the Rose I have in mind. With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Motherkind.
 To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.*

Pastor's Message: "Stay Alert – Have Hope"

Special Music

Affirmation for Advent: We believe in the God of hope who sends his holy spirit upon us – filling us with his goodness and light and love. We believe that he is coming closer to us now – joining us on this journey of Advent together. We look for his gifts of hope and peace, joy and love that are coming into our lives more fully even as we speak these words. We believe that God is preparing us for something good, something better - and we commit ourselves to getting ready to receive Jesus more fully into our hearts. We look to God's light to guide us on this journey from anticipation to preparation to rejoicing when our Savior is born anew inside our hearts at Christmas. Amen.

Prayer List Update / Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer / Offering Invitation

Offering Dedication: Holy God, we offer ourselves to you through our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Receive our offerings and use them according to your purpose – for we long to help you further your kingdom here and now. We dedicate this offering in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sung Response – (Give Thanks, # 2036, Praise Book)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now, let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Hymn: "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" (verses 1, 2 & 3) (# 122, UCC Hymnal)
 Come, o long-expected Jesus, born to set all people free;
 from our fears and sins release us; grant us your true liberty.
*Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart;
 Dear desire of every nation, enter every longing heart.*
 Born all people to deliver, born a child, you came to reign!
 Born to rule on earth forever – come, be known to us again.