



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

**\*Introit:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220 x1

### The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The first candle we light on the Advent Wreath is the Candle of Hope. It's the hope that we find in our dreaming and our longing. Our Hope comes from the experience of our daily living, feeding a prophetic aspiration for the world that God desires for all creation. In our faith we become the very Christ centred embodiment of Hope as it shapes our thoughts, our actions, and our words, while we actively wait for the future that God holds for us.

**Holy and patient God, fill us with a yearning to live  
out our desire to be the Hope our world so needs.  
Our Hope is in you. Come Jesus, come.**

**\*Hymn:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220 x1

### Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### Welcome and Announcements

### \* Call to Worship:

God invites us into the waiting season of Advent...

**There is plenty to do in our waiting.**

And we don't wait alone...

**the Spirit secures us in our preparations.**

And it's difficult to not get anxious...

**God steadies our patience.**

And as the advent season gains momentum...

**We stay true to the journey ahead.**

We live in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

**May the Spirit of Hope come among, Emmanuel, as  
we celebrate in worship today.**

**\*Hymn:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VU #1

### Opening Prayer

#### Listening

### Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

### The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope" MV #33 x2

### Scripture:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Swords into ploughshares.

Matthew 24:36-44

No one knows the hour.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** **An Advent Reflection** Joseph Martin  
*Offered by Orchard Valley Church Choir*

**Message:** **Garbage and Recycling Day**  
*Rev Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:** "Hark the Glad Sound!" VU #29

#### Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

**\* Offertory:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" VU #55 vs.4

**Offertory Prayer:**

**May these gifts indeed give to all people, light when in darkness, hope when in despair, and justice when oppressed, as we bring them to you as an act of sharing your love with the world. May all who are broken be lifted up, we pray, as we dedicate ourselves to you. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**                      “People, Look East”                      VU #9

**\* Commissioning**

**\* Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\* Hymn:**                      “Amen”                      VU #967