



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit

### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\*Introit "Come, Lord Jesus, Come"

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### First Candle of Advent:

Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the world.**

Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

**We wait and hope for the One who brings justice.**

Advent is a time to renew our determination.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.**

Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.**

### Lighting the Candle of Hope

Sung Response: "Hope is a Star" VU #7 vs.1

### Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

### Welcome and Announcements

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

### \* Call to Worship:

The dream of peace and justice is our Advent prayer.

**We commit ourselves to the way of harmony and justice.**

We worship, knowing that God's vision of peace begins with kindness and love.

**And never losing hope as we proclaim the timeless message of Christ's Shalom!**

We gather with God and one another as we worship.

\*Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" VU #2

### Opening Prayer

### Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer VU #910

\*Hymn: "He Came Singing Love" VU #359

### Listening

#### Scripture:

Isaiah 64:1-9 ..... *We are the clay; you are our potter.*

Mark 13:24-37 ..... *The Son of Man coming in the clouds.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: **When A Child Is Born**  
*Offered by Steeple Strummers*

Message: **Putting Advent into God's Hands**  
*Rev. Don Sellsted*

\* Hymn: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VU #31

### Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

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

**Offertory Prayer:**

**May these gifts give light when lost, hope when in  
despair, and justice when oppressed. 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:**

May God’s love increase our love for one another;  
May Jesus teach us how to live in God’s ways;  
and may the Spirit strengthen our hearts,  
as you ready yourselves for Jesus’ birth once again.  
We go in peace to love and serve, this day, and everyday.  
And the people said... **Amen!**

\* **Choral Benediction: Give Me Oil in My Lamp**

*Offered by Steeple Strummers*

**Music as We Depart**