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## **Celebration of Worship**

November 26, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

### **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. gretchen Sausville

**Prelude**

**Advent Candle Lighting** (The candle of Hope)

**\*Gathering Song**

***Jesus, We are Here***

**\*Opening Prayer** (unison)

**Holy One, we are pilgrims always on the journey homeward. We look for peace and we cry for justice; we comfort the bereft; we uplift the broken-hearted. We long for the coming of Jesus, and we fall short in our waiting. God of hope, walk with us along the roads, forgive us, and make us peacemakers all of our days. Fill us with wonder and steadfast love. Bless us Bright God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

**\*Congregation Singing**

***Comfort, Comfort Now My People***

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. gretchen Sausville

**First Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 2:1-5

OT 631

Congregational Singing

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

NT 28

**Proclaiming**

Time for Children

Children are welcome to come forward for the  
Time for Children followed by childcare in the nursery for children three and younger.

Anthem

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

-Sharon Elery Rogers

Chara Bells

Sermon

**NOW PREPARE!**

Reverend gretchen Sausville

**Responding**

\*Hymn

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

Prayer Requests Collected

\*Response

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of steadfast love, receive these expressions of our thanks for the glorious inheritance entrusted to us. We hereby enlist ourselves and our resources toward the realization of Your eternal purpose for all humanity. May this congregation become more and more a source of hope for each of us and for all we meet. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

**BOLD signifies congregational participation.**

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