

WELCOME Rev. Francesco Marshall

PRELUDE *Noel Nouvelle* setting, Wilbur Held
Nancy Wines-DeWan

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Kevin Hart

LIGHTING the ADVENT WREATH David and Barbara Wright

This first light welcomes our waiting.
We walk in the light of anticipation.

A light illuminating our journey of wonder,
We go forward and we hope.

Patient ones on the journey, step into the glimmering of hope.
We await a new dawn and look to its fulness in the Kingdom of Heaven.

(The advent wreath is lit)

PRAYER
Holy One, hold us in our anticipation, and open our hope-filled hearts.
Make holy our waiting. Let us receive the One for whom we are waiting.
Come, Emmanuel! Amen.

****HYMN** *Watcher, Tell Us of the Night* NCH #103

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

These are the gifts of God
for the people of God.

Through the broken bread
we participate in the body of Christ. *(all eat)*

Through the cup of blessing
we participate in the new life Christ gives. *(all drink)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Wondrous God, we give you thanks for the ways you feed our deep hungers with living bread and refresh us for the journey of life and ministry with you. As you have blessed us in this meal, may we be a blessing to one another and all creation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:25-36 Lukas Umbriaco

SERMON *"All These Things"* Rev. Francesco Marshall

****HYMN** *Come O Long Expected Jesus* NCH #122

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. John Allen

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Bold text = Please join us in voice! ****** = Please rise as you are able

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE (Whelpton)
Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Long Before the Night (Ancient Love)* Carol McDade
Anneliese Guzman Bass, alto
Jean Bass, piano

*Long before the night was born from darkness
Long before the dawn rolled unsteady from fire
Long before she wrapped her scarlet arm around the hills
there was a love, this ancient love was born.*

*Long before the grass spotted green the bare hillside
Long before a wing unfolded to wind
Long before she wrapped her long blue arm around the sea
there was a love, this ancient love was born.*

*Long before a chain was forged from the hillside
Long before a voice uttered freedom's cry
Long before she wrapped her bleeding arms around a child
there was a love, this ancient love was born.*

*Long before the name of a God was spoken
Long before a cross was nailed from a tree
Long before she laid her arm of colors 'cross the sky
there was a love, this ancient love was born.*

*Wakeful our nights and slumbers our morning
Stubborn is the grass sowing green wounded hills
As we wrap our healing arms to hold what her arms held
this ancient love, this aching love rolls on.*

****OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****HYMN** *Now Bless the God of Israel* NCH #110

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (Wachet auf)* setting, Paul Menz
Nancy Wines-DeWan, organ

Please join us for coffee hour following today's service!



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