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Worship Service

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Advent 1: Candle of Hope

Mission Sunday

Sunday, November 27th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” – **Desmond Tutu**

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning. -- **Albert Einstein**

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon. --**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

Hope will never be silent. --**Harvey Milk**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”
Ray Palmer/ Lowell Mason



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Today we begin our pilgrimage to the manger in Bethlehem.

We travel to the infant king who leads in the way of love.

We journey with hope and anticipation.

We open ourselves to consider what God will do in our lives and world.

Come let us gather in this season of hopeful waiting and watching, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Light of the World.

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Opening Prayer (together)

We enter, Creator God, into this season of preparation and anticipation, longing to skip ahead and celebrate the coming of Your light into our lives. But in Your wisdom, You slow us down, invite us to breathe deeply and take time to prepare ourselves for Your amazing gift. We know Your Spirit comes to us in unexpected ways, so we pray that we may recognize You at work during this Advent season. Amen.

Hymn (2) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(tune:333)

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Hope"
I. and B. Kagawa

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Candle Hymn (6) "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1

- 1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings
from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.



Listening for God's Word

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 8:13-15 M. Kitagawa
(Those who have much can help those in need.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:31-45 M. Kitagawa
(When you help the least, you help God.)

Solo "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Horatius Bonar/trad. melody
L. Lazar, Soprano

Words of Introduction D. Domelle

Reflection Guest Speaker X. Jawad,
Resource Development Coordinator from
Massey Centre



Hymn (424) "May the God of Hope" vs. 1, 2

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
 filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,
 bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,
 singing, share our joy with all,
 working for a world that's new,
 faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
 freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
 May the God of love keep our commitment clear
 to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, 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 trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory.
 For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn (569) "You Call Us Out" vs. 4, 5

4 The church that offers healing,
 discerns its wounds and loss;
 the church that faces dying,
 shares life beyond the cross;
 to people torn and broken,
 your mercy is revealed;
 we praise your name, who loves us,
 the healer and the healed.

5 Our feeble voices struggle,
 to sing your justice clear;
 the world has sunk in silence,
 each discord echoes fear;
 one voice alone is ragged,
 together we are strong;
 we praise your name, who breathes us,
 the singer and the song.

Commissioning and Benediction

Do not fear, for God is with you;
 Do not be dismayed, for our God.
 Will strengthen you and help you;
 God will uphold you with a righteous right hand
 And give you peace. (Isaiah 41:10)

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And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Amen (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...Sing)

**In this Advent time of waiting,
May we serve the Prince of Peace.
Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
13th century plainsong melody" - arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

A special welcome and thank you to X. Jawad, Resource Development Coordinator from Massey Centre. Thank you, Ms. Jawad, for joining our Zoom service today and for telling us about the work at the Centre. Great to have you with us.

White Gift Project: On **White Gift Sunday, December 18th**, you are invited to give a financial contribution to support projects at the Massey Centre. **Massey Centre** is a client-centered infant and early childhood mental health organization which supports

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pregnant and parenting girls and women, aged 13-25. They believe in the dignity, value and potential of each young woman and baby served. With donors' support, each young mom has access to prenatal and postnatal care, learns how to care for her baby, completes her education, and develops the skills needed to build a successful life and relationship with her baby. Thank you for your support!

Many thanks to J. Brooker and B. Kai for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to I. and B. Kagawa for leading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to M. Kitagawa for reading our scriptures and communion liturgy. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, November 27th, Advent I, the candle of **Hope** will be lit. We welcome guest speaker X. Jawad, Resource Development Coordinator from Massey Centre. (Sponsored by our Community and Global Team)

Sunday, December 4th, Advent II, the **candle of Peace** will be lit. We will also celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. We invite you, when you join the service, to have ready a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

-1 p.m. - Gathering to discuss BUC's future.

Sunday, December 11th, Advent III, the **candle of Joy** will be lit and **Blue Christmas Service**. You are

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invited to write the names of your loved ones who have passed away over the years on a blue star from the newsletter or bulletin, or you can light a candle (battery or real) in their memory.

Sunday, December 18th, Advent IV, the candle of Love, Pre-Christmas Service with special music and celebration of White Gift. Our White Gift money donations will go to support Massey Centre. Thank you for your support.

Saturday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service with carols, solos, scriptures, a Christmas dramatic reading and Christ candle lighting. Let's celebrate the joy and magic of the Christmas story together!!

Sunday, December 25th, Please note: We will not have a service.

Sunday, January 1st, Please note: We will not have a service.

Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive. If you would like to support the Holiday Drive, please send a donation to Japanese Social Services (Holiday Drive), 6 Garamond Ct #235, North York, ON M3C 1Z5. For online donation please visit their website jss.ca/en/news/holidaydrive2022. Thank you.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

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BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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Have a blessed day!!