

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

🎵 Prelude · Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

All: we can see a better world.

One: When we close our eyes,

All: we can dream a better dream.

One: But when we open our eyes,

All: we begin the work of faith.

One: The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,

All: we can see a better world.

One: When we enter this space,

All: we dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave this space,

All: we begin the work of faith.

One: So come in. Dream your dream.

All: Find hope here.

One: For when we leave,

All: we will begin the work of faith.

One: Let it be so.

Candle Lighting | The Candle of Hope · Lee Holm

* 🎵 Hymn of Praise · O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
No. 9

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Original Dreamer, over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri

No. 579

* Passing of The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading · Don Atkinson-Adams

Isaiah 64: 1-9 (pg. 1161)

Anthem · Chancel Choir

A Gaelic Rose (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming) ... Arr. Mark Hayes

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist;

Julie Larson, flute

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Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37 (pg. 1578)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

“Those Who Dream...Keep Awake”

First in the Series “Those Who Dream”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

The Apostle’s Creed

Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

* 🎵 Hymn of Preparation · I Come with Joy
No. 507

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to participate in this sacrament. The elements are grape juice and bread.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup Shared

Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (sung)

* 🎵 Closing Hymn · Prepare the Way
No. 13

* **Benediction**

* 🎵 Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

🎵 Postlude · Mollie Wakeman