

Instructions for the Service over Zoom

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

Recording this Service

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour. We will also post an audio of the reading and homily, as well as a print version, on the [sermons page of the church website](#). The service will be ready for viewing beginning on Monday afternoon and will be available until Saturday evening. The link to view the service will be in the Monday e-mail.

A reminder to please put your zoom audio setting on mute upon entering the service.

Thank you!

**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024, 10:00 AM
Rev. Rosemary Dawson, Designated Pastor
David Cavallin, Music Director**

PRELUDE

David Cavallin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Let us welcome one another with the gifts of God's peace

ADVENT CANDLES

One Candle: An Advent Liturgy

Zeik Wiemer,

by Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

Liz Grasty

Permission is granted for home and congregational use.

Light Candle

Reading

Sing

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
who mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God draws near:
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sue Teece

Leader: God has said to us, 'The days are surely coming,
when justice and righteousness will be established.'

**People: In that day God's promises will be made known to us;
we will declare God's goodness and salvation.**

Leader: Lift up your souls in trust and praise;
open your hearts and minds to God's teaching.

**People: In that day God's ways will be made manifest to us;
we will seek to walk in them through all our days.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for all God's goodness to us;
watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.

**People: In that day God's mercy and steadfast love will surround
us; we will grow in love for one another.**

***HYMN**

"We Hail You God's Anointed"

Black #104

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Rosemary Dawson

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Rosemary Dawson

**Faithful God, we come before you today with anxiety and with hope. You have
promised that our redemption is drawing near; yet we often fail to recognize your
signs. We busy ourselves with activities, but we do not prepare for Christ's coming. We**

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

do not consider the importance of your ways, or weigh the effect of our self-centeredness. Amid the uncertainty of our times our faith is tested; our hearts shrink in fear and our compassion is restrained. Free us, O God, from the burden of our sins, renew us in your grace, and empower us to carry the power of your love into all the world, for the glory of Christ. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***WORD OF ASSURANCE**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

“Bless His Holy Name”

Blue #13

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:18-25; Luke 21:25-36

NRSVUE

Romans 8:18-25

Sue Teece

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Luke 21:25-36

Rev. Rosemary Dawson

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

David Cavallin

SERMON

“Hope in Anxious Times”

Rev. Rosemary Dawson

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Black #116

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

*DOXOLOGY

Black #776

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for making us aware of the promises of your reign and the hope of your presence. Thank you for this community of faith, and for the awareness of a world still in need. May we use these offerings in ways that will make your kingdom real to us all. Amen.

COMMUNION

Hymn

“In Memory of the Savior’s Love”

Insert

Luke 22:14–20

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In Memory of the Savior’s Love

1. In mem-ory of the Sav-ior’s love, we keep the sa - cred feast,
 2. By faith we take the bread of life by which our souls are fed,
 3. In faith and mem-ory here we sing the won - ders of his love,

where ev - ery hum - ble, con - trite heart is made a wel - come guest.
 the cup in to - ken of his blood that was for sin - ners shed.
 and thus an - tic - i - pate by faith the heav - en - ly feast a - bove.

WORDS: Thomas Cotterill, 1805
 MUSIC: Johann Michael Haydn (18th century), adapt.

SALZBURG
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Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Consecration

Service

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord Jesus, we have received your word and tasted your grace. Now may your Spirit strengthen and guide us as we seek to live as your disciples and servants in the world. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEPARTURE**

“Christ Will Come Again”

Black #608

***COMMON COMMISSION**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

David Cavallin

***Please rise in body or Spirit**



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a Christmas poinsettia, the price will be \$15.00 per plant, which will have a 6” pot with 4-6 blossoms. Copies of the order form are available on the table at the main entrance to the church and in the Old Sunday School Room. **Please submit all orders to the church office by December 1st, by putting the order form and payment in the Sunday collection plate**, or by mailing them to PO Box 145, Southampton, MA 01073. The poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve worship service.