

Makawao Union Church



Welcome to the
First Sunday of Advent

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**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

The Time of Preparation

Aloha, Welcome and Announcements

Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also be with you.

One: I invite you to greet and share with one another in a sign of God's Peace.

Prelude *People, Look East!*

Advent Call to Worship

One: In every season of life,

Many: God is always with us, even when we believe otherwise.

One: In this season of waiting,

Many: Jesus reminds us that Bethlehem is the beginning of our discipleship, not the end of the journey.

One: In this season of Advent anticipation and hope,

Many: The Spirit opens our hearts to the songs of the angels.

ALL: Let us enter through the open door of Advent to worship God with us, Emmanuel, again today!

*Hymn #116 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(See Back Cover)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is

significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so, we light



the first candle, the candle of **hope**, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and for the well-being of all creation.

Reader 2: We light the first candle of Advent. We kindle it with **hope**. We ignite this flame in longing for Christ's coming again, because Christ is coming still. We ask God to open the doors of our hearts this Advent season and renew our lives for the work of bringing hope, healing, justice, and peace to our world.

PRAYERS TO GATHER US IN

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the wounded places and memories in our lives to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed ever more by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Join us now as we offer this prayer, saying...

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 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.

We Hear the Good News

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9

Linda Compian

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold

of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 1-8

Joy Webster

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Joy Webster

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermon

“Navigating between Hurt and Hope”

Pastor Dave

We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayers

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To the **Slaughter-Gamble/McCleary Family** for the flowers on the side of the pulpit “in loving memory of Pastor Judy Slaughter.”

To the **Bailey & Bohn Family** for lighting the first Advent Candle.

To the Deacons and their helpers who decorated our sanctuary for Christmas.



Ira. 11/3-12; Exod. 19-20:17.

*Psalterium Caestium Carthacensium, 1719
Based on ancient anaphoras from Advent Vespers
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1831, and others; ab.
St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt.*

Unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and
3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who
4 O come, O shoot of Jes - se, free your
5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly
or - der all things far and night; To us the path of
came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a
own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny, From depths of hell your
o - pen wide your heaven - ly home; Make safe the path to

ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear,
knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.
sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave,
end - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion close the way.

*In the medieval Western church, seven "Great O" anaphoras,
the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the
seven days before Christmas, ending with what appears
above at the first stanza.*

*Tune: VENI EMMANUEL. L.M. with refrain
Melody from a 15th-century French "Processional"
Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1854*

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer
our spir - its by your ad - vent here;
Love stir with-in the womb of night,
and death's own shad - ows put to flight.
(Refrain)

7 O come, De - sire of Na - tions, bind
all peo - ples in one heart and mind;
Make en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease;
fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.
(Refrain)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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