



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

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United Church of Christ 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts **November 27, 2022**

10:00 am

WE GATHER Prelude

Wake, Awake For Night is Flying

Arr. Price

Welcome and Announcements

Crossing the Threshold

Upon this moment, upon this people, upon this place, the holy comes. And sacred knowing brings sacred being for sacred doing of God's plan.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Opening Prayer Rev. Lori and Mike Rottman Mike Rottman

Opening Hymn of Hope

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#2 (booklet)

Larainne Wilson

WE PROCLAIM Mini Message

Introduction to Scripture Mike Rottman

*stand as you are able

"Sacred Time"





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POINSETTIA ORDER



I would like to order: ____ red poinsettia(s) \$11.00 each

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to Centre Congregational Church.

These flowers have been given by _____

In Memory of______ In Honor of ______



I will take my plant(s) home after one of the services on Christmas Eve.
I wish to donate my plant(s) to the hospitalized, bereaved or shut-in.

Plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on the 18th and Christmas Eve. A list of donors will be printed in the bulletin on that day. Thursday, December 8th is the deadline for placing orders.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne Advent Credo

First Reading The Message

Mike Rottman

A Word in Music

Martin

Gospel

Matthew 24: 36-44

Dick Davis

Response

Dick: A Word of God for the People of God, **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Awake But Not Alarmed "

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

WE PRAY

Prayer Song

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer 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 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

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WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Call to the Offering Offertory

A Time for All Things

Wagner

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise God all heavens and the earth; reflecting the sacred story.

> This, this is Christ the One who mirrors hope for all of us. Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.

Prayer of Dedication

Anointed to Sacred Time

Closing Hymn

*Eternal God, Transcending Time

(see insert)

WE GO OUT

Benediction

Postlude

Advent Prayer

Stairs

The flowers on the altar today are given by Gerald and Betsy Brown in loving memory of their parents, Jane and Bill Thompson and Walter and Priscilla Brown, as well as Aunt and Uncle, Stott and Dorothy Morse.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Nina Emery and Roy Sorli.

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