

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 29, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

## First Sunday of Advent

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Eric Millard  
UNC Charlotte Trumpet Ensemble: Andrew Beiter, Eric Levine, J'aimee Tatum, and Kira Wagner

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Bettye Sue Newsom and Suzanne Newsom

UNISON PRAYER

**Dear God, we gather joyfully and with deep commitment; for we have heard that a special child is to come, for God is among us. We are people of Hope, in His name. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Comfort, Comfort You My People" PSALM 42  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Holy God, creator and redeemer. We confess that in the uncertainty of life we often live in places of fear, doubt and disbelief. The chaos of this world becomes the sound ringing in our ears. We no longer hear Your voice or feel Your nearness. We create distance and breed distrust between ourselves and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Restore us, O God; let Your face shine and renew us in hope. In hope we anticipate Your presence. In hope we trust Your promise. In hope we confidently come before You in silent confession as we lift those things on our hearts that are unspoken. (Silent Prayers) Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jeremiah 29:11  
For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

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

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

SERMON "Yet, We Live in Hope" Ashlee Anderson

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Canon on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* arr. Charles J. Torian, Jr.  
UNC Charlotte Trumpet Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

*The Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. When we gather at the Lord's Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites with the Church in every time and place, even when we must gather virtually. As the Lord's Supper is celebrated from our sanctuary you are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper at home.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Angels We Have Heard on High"  
UNC Charlotte Trumpet Ensemble

arr. John Jay Hilfiger

#### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

"Deck the Hall"  
UNC Charlotte Trumpet Ensemble

arr. John Jay Hilfiger

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be seated after the Benediction until after the Postlude ends. Then, take caution to maintain social distance as you exit the Narthex.

\*Those who are able please stand.

#### About our Musical Guest:

Dr. Eric Millard is the Assistant Professor of Trumpet at UNC Charlotte. He regularly performs with the Charlotte Symphony and the North Carolina Brass Band as well as his regular engagements with the UNC Charlotte Faculty Brass Quintet. As a soloist, Millard has won prizes at numerous national and international competitions and his students have also found success in a variety of solo and chamber ensemble competitions. Dr. Millard directs the UNC Charlotte Trumpet Ensemble that has previously advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Trumpet Competition and performs regularly with the Atkins Out Loud program and the Music Department's annual Brass Day.