



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

ONLINE WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Responsive Reading

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, virtual though it may be,

All: We can see a better world.

One: When we enter this space,

All: We can dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave this space,

All: We begin the work of faith.

One: So, in these moments, let us gather in. Let us dream God's dream.

All: Let us find hope here.

One: For in an hour,

All: We will continue the work of faith, taking hope out into the world.

Opening Hymn 196

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Affirmation of Faith (*worship leader prays aloud*)

We believe in God. We believe that God has dreams for humanity.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.

We believe in Jesus. We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world.

We believe in dreams. We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way. So in this Advent season, let us be those who dream holy dreams and those who wake up, alert and attentive as we wait for all that is yet to come. Amen.

Call to worship and Affirmation of Faith adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2037 "I Sing Praises To Your Name"*)

Liturgical elements from Abingdon Worship Annual and Discipleship Ministries UMC.

Advent Candle Lighting – Lighting the Candle of HOPE

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children In Ministry

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Mark 13:24-27

Message: “The Advent Journey”

Pastor Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Song of Prayer (*we pray for God’s guidance as we sing song #211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” v. 1*)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering of Gifts (*followed by*)

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (*we read and pray aloud together*)

Gracious God, we give our best to you, not out of guilt or fear, but with gratitude and faith. You have been our support in times of need. Every breath we take is a gift from you. We would be awake and watchful for opportunities to make a difference, to help others be alert for your presence, to value life in all its fullness and to learn to care. We dedicate these symbols of thankfulness and all the days of our lives to those purposes. Amen.

Hymn #568

“Heralds of Christ” (v. 1 & 3)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

**All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online
via Zoom (*may require app download*).**