



Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent
Dare to Imagine God's Goodness!

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

As we begin our Advent season seeking hope and imagining the goodness of God, we must acknowledge the goodness of the land, creation, and the Indigenous peoples who resided here long before settlers. To imagine God's goodness is to hold our gratitude and our remorse together, striving for reconciliation. As we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors and all of creation.

Advent Candle Litany

Leader: We light a candle of hope. And we imagine:

People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Prayer of Confession: A friend once said children grow taller at night - while at rest - bones quietly stretch, and bit by bit their bodies grow.

Trees grow silently, too - from deep inside - energy is released. Branches reach for the light. People can grow silently, too.

We confess that all too often we stifle the growth God inspires deep inside of us, preferring the immediate, the good enough, the comfortable. In Advent, O God, cause us to get up on our tiptoes, lean forward, and extend our gaze.

Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up, will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.
(silence)

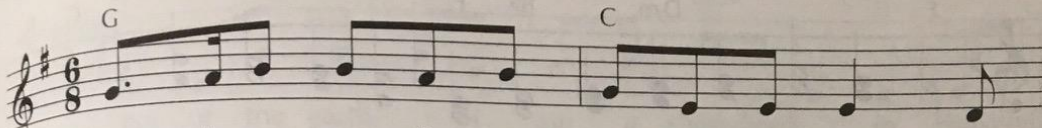
Words of Assurance: The kingdom of God is near. Listen—can you hear it?

Look—can you see it? Our God says, "Surely the days are coming—they are already here!"

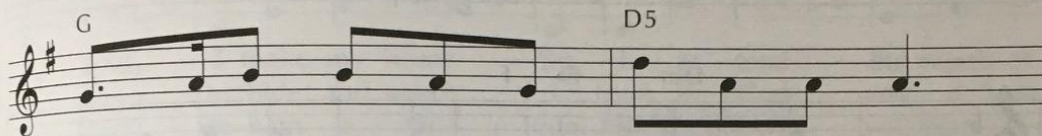
Gathering Hymn: VT #211 "Hope Is a Candle"

Hope Is a Candle 211

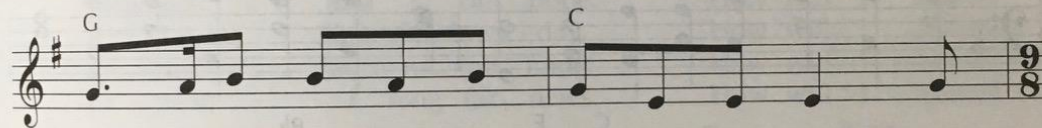
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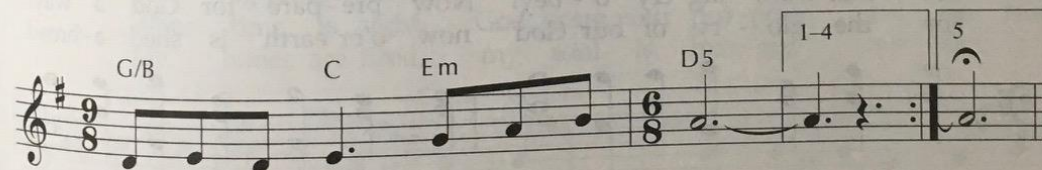
1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
 2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
 3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
 4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - tery and laugh - ter,
 5 Christ is the light that the proph - ets a - wait - ed,



nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
 mys - tery of light that is born in the dark;
 Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.



dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv' - lege—
 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
 Christ is the love and the mys - tery and laugh - ter—



when they are gone, hope will shine on.
 vio - lence and force their dead-end course.
 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - 'ry - where.
 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.
 cand - les, make way! Christ is the day.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #282 "Come and See"

"Come and see, come and see,
 I am the way and the truth," said he.
 "Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

Children's Time with Marlene Campbell

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-Blessed advent season

-Lina's family getting ready for school

-thanks to Advent decorators for a beautiful start to the season

Hymn: VT #259 "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born 259

ZERAH CM extended

C G C/G G7 C

1 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n.
 2 His name shall be the Prince of peace, for - ev - er - more a - dored,
 3 His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know.

F C F C

Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n,
 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - se - lor, the great and might - y Lord,
 Jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low,

Am Dm G C

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Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

“The days are surely coming, says Yhwh, when I will bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I promised them. In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous branch from the line of David, who will bring

justice and integrity to the land. In those days Judah will be safe and Jerusalem will be secure. They will call the land, 'Yhwh is our Justice.'

Gospel reading: Luke 21:25-36

“Signs will appear in the sun, the moon and the stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish, distraught at the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth. The powers in the heavens will be shaken. After that, people will see the Chosen One coming on a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your ransom is near at hand.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, or any other tree. You see when they’re budding and know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things happening, know that the reign of God is near. The truth is, this generation will not pass away until all this takes place. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on your guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence, drunkenness and worldly cares. That day will suddenly close in on you like a trap. It will come upon all who dwell on the face of the earth, so be on your watch. Pray constantly for the strength to escape whatever comes, and to stand secure before the Chosen One.”

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: VT #239 “He Came Down”

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He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN Irregular

G D7

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down
 2 He came down that we may have peace; he came down
 3 He came down that we may have joy; he came down

G G7

that we may have love; he came down that we may
 that we may have peace; he came down that we may
 that we may have joy; he came down that we may

C Cm6 G/D D7 G

Leader (omit last time)
 Why did he come?

have love; hal-le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.
 have peace; hal-le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.
 have joy; hal-le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.

Sermon: "God is a Fire"

Hymn: VT #828 "There's a Wild Hope in the Wind"

828 There's a Wild Hope in the Wind

WILD HOPE Irregular

A D Em/D D

1 There's a wild hope in the wind: her
 2 There's a wild hope in the skies: her
 3 There's a wild hope in the earth: her

G D/F# Em A7 G A

whis-per is heard on the breeze. The gale is her shout that is
 gown is the blue of for-ev - er. The pur-ple of night is her
 bod - y pro-vides us with nur - ture. The dark un-der-ground is where

Bm Em D A7 D

call - ing us out. There's a wild hope in the wind.
 heart's pure de-light. There's a wild hope in the skies.
 life can a-bound. There's a wild hope in the earth.

G D/F# G D/F#

O God in the wind, come gath - er us in,
 O God in the skies, come o - pen our eyes,
 O God in the earth, came aid our re - birth,

Em D Asus A7 G A

be our cour-age and prom-ise. The fu - ture is dim, but we

Bm Em D A7 D

want to live in - to a wild, wild hope.



Benediction: Stand up, raise your heads, reach toward the light, wait in growing hope. Dare to imagine the goodness of our God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Kevin Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Stephanie Usher: Bill
Children's Sunday School Teachers: Diane M., Rachel & Sarah

Patty's Week: Tues. MNH prep; Weds. Office Thurs. Comm connect; Fri. Office; Sunday speaking at the Mennonite Nursing Home

Nora's Week: Working Sun, Wed, Thurs, Fri

From the re-opening committee. The person delivering the message is allow to do so without wearing a mask.

***Note a new photo** of Lina and family is posted on the Bulletin Board

TODAY

Adult Education after worship.

**Note the new zoom link*

Mosaic class in the **buffet room** (off the kitchen) and on Zoom.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81283536408>

Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Jake's Bible class in Room 7

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***Mega Menno 'Winter-Menno Games', Friday Dec. 3, 7:00 pm, MCC Centre.** Get a taste of the upcoming Winter Olympics in China Menno style with Witness Workers George and Tobia Veith! Do you have what it takes to be a Menno-Olympian?? Come and find out! Contact youthminister@mcsask.ca to RSVP or for more details.

OMC CALENDAR

Nov 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen *First Advent Sunday*

Dec 2 7:00 pm Community Connections Mtg

Dec 3 7:00 pm Mega Menno "Winter-Menno Games @ MCC Centre

Dec 5 10:00 am Kirsten Hamm-Epp speaking *Second Advent*

12 noon Deacons mtg

Dec 10 6:30 p.m. Youth Event

Dec 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Third Advent Sunday*

Dec 17 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service *In-Person @ OMC*

Dec 19 10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program

Dec 24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 26 No Sunday Service

Jan 2 10:00 am Communion

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: Dec 5 *Second Advent*

Speaker: Kirsten Hamm-Epp Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Dayna Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Doug Usher: Lloyd

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