

WE GATHER 前奏

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS 歓迎と報告

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

THRESHOLD MOMENT: I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining.
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Reader: The place without light

Congregation: The place without light

Reader: The depth of night

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Reader: The pit of unknowing

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OPENING PRAYER 祈り

Lyssa Ogilbee

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of untiring hope. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when our view is obscured by clouds of doubt, ignite the flame of hope within us, ...

Reader and Congregation: that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining.

Reader: Help us face this bleak night of the soul and embrace it as a womb of rebirth.

All: Amen

*OPENING HYMN 讚美歌

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (v. 1, 2)

UM Hymnal #196

CANDLE LIGHTING ろうそく点灯 You are invited to light your Advent 1 candle of Hope at this time

WE PROCLAIM

OFFERING

ANTHEM

"I Believe, Even When" by Mark A Miller

See video

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining
And I believe in love, even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God, even when he is silent.

I believe through any trial, there is always a way
But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there
But a voice rises within me, saying hold on my child, I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while.

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining
And I believe in love even when there's no one there
But I believe in God even when he is silent
I believe through any trial there is always a way.
May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness.
May there someday be love. May there someday be peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-15 (CEB)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: *Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, a voice shouting in the wilderness: "Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.* John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness." At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

MESSAGE

"I Believe in the Sun: Hope for Tomorrow"

Rev. Motoe Yamada Foor

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS IN STILLNESS

Stillness

Virtual Chancel Choir

Words: Lindy Thompson & Mark Miller

Music: Mark Miller

The gentle pull of God
is often lost amidst the rush
of all the obligations which lay a claim on us.
Yet just beyond the frantic pace our restless feet have trod
lie deep still pools of quietness— the dwelling place of God.
Meet me in the stillness, Lord. Be the air I breathe.
Meet me in the stillness, Lord. Free me to receive.

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER 祈り

THE LORD'S PRAYER 主の祈り

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 GO FORTH

CLOSING HYMN 讚美歌

Believe (to the tune of Give Thanks)

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*Believe, with a hopeful heart! Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what our God has done for us."
Believe!*

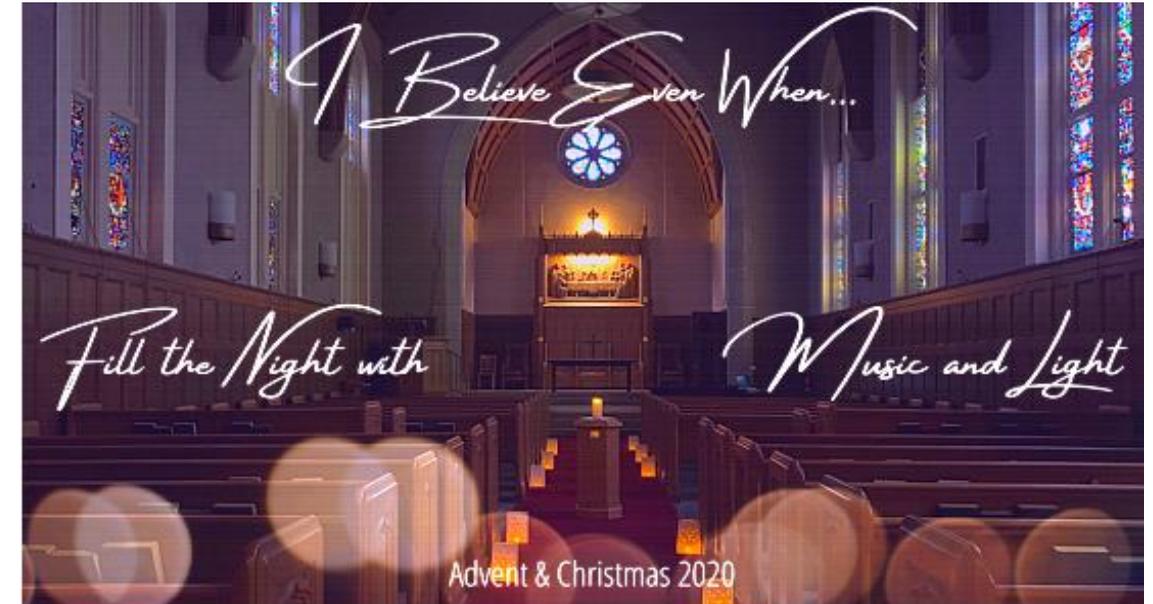
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Thoughts on the Message

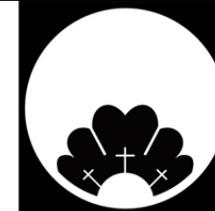
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Part 1

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