

Traditional Worship Service

When Christmas Isn't
Christmas

December 8, 2024

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Length
in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

3:00 **Introit**
Invitation Video- 2+ minutes

5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**
Liturgist: Rev. June Webster

Leader: We gather this morning to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

People: We remember the promises God has made.

Leader: In a world filled with uncertainty, we hold onto the hope that shines like a beacon in the darkness.

People: We look to the future with expectation, trusting in God's unfailing love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of hope who fills us with joy and peace!

People: We come to worship with open hearts, ready to receive the gift of hope!

3:00 ***O Come O Come Emmanuel***
#211 UMH, vs. 1-4

1:00 **Lighting of Advent Candles**
Candle Lighters: Lilley Family

Reader:

Hear these words from Scripture: Romans 15:13:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This verse emphasizes that true hope comes from God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Just as the Grinch discovered hope through the love and joy of the Whos, we are reminded that God fills us with hope when we trust in Him.

As we light the first 2 candles of Advent, we celebrate the gift of hope. Just as the Grinch began his journey feeling lonely and bitter, we too can feel weighed down by the struggles of life. Yet, hope shines brightly even in the darkest of times.

(light 2 purple candles)

Prayer:

Dear God,

We thank You for the hope that shines in our lives. Just as the Grinch discovered that hope can change even the hardest of hearts, help us to see the light of hope that comes from You. May this candle remind us that no matter how dark our world may seem, Your love brings hope for a brighter tomorrow. May we carry this hope into our hearts and share it with those around us. Amen.

3:30 **Special Music**
"Carol of the Bells," Chorale

5:00 **A Time for Children**
Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families
Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 **Scripture Readings**
Isaiah 40:1-11

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

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in mins**

1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer

O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

4:00 Offertory

"Peace On Earth/Silent Night," Susan Pearson Trio

1:00 *Doxology*

20:00 Message

Message: When Christmas Isn't Christmas
Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12
Pastor Cody Anderson

3:00 *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

57:30
