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An Affirming Ministry

December 2, 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

VU—Voices United

Advent 1 - Hope

MV—More Voices



~ Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a hearing assist device. ~

WORDS OF WELCOME

CANDLELIGHTING

One: As December days dim and bow to early darkness
the earth takes its rest and prepares for renewal.

**All: In a season of long shadows and human struggle
we remember our own need for rest and reflection
as we prepare for the coming of Christmas light
and new life.**

One: Trusting in God's grace we light a candle of hope.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What signs of hope have you witnessed in the past week?

SUNG RESPONSE VU 7 Hope is a Star v.1

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The light shines in the darkness!

All: And the darkness will not overcome it!

SONG Sweetgrass and Candle *Oldham/Klusmeier*

GATHERING PRAYERS

SILENCE

PRAYER SONG VU 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.1

ENGAGING THE STORY

READING Luke 21:25-28

REFLECTION

SONG VU 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.6

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

CHOIR SONG Grace on Grace *William Beckstrand*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE TABLE

BREAKING THE BREAD AND FILLING THE CUP

SHARING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SONG MV 169 When Hands Reach Out

BLESSING

Thanks to all who participated in today's service!

We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world.
As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **coffee or tea**, hosted
by Ann and Sandy Middleton, and **conversation** with friends in
the **Gymnasium** downstairs.
Blessings! Go with God!