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## First Sunday of Advent - Wage Hope! Sunday, November 27, 2022

### CENTERING THOUGHT

“Imagine if we measured success by the amount of  
safety that people felt in our presence.”

- Jonathan Laris Dent

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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One: In the beginning God created all things,  
**All: and God saw that they were good.**

One: At our beginning, God created us

**All: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,  
known and treasured by God even before They created us.**

One: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

**All: so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colors of creation,  
and in this beautiful place.**

One: Womb of Creation,

**All: open our senses to your presence,  
our souls to your presence,  
and our hearts to your love,  
ever here in the flesh of creation.**

OPENING HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

NCH 116: 1,2,6,7

OPENING PRAYER

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES

*Light the Light*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - HOPE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5  
Romans 8:18-25

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SERMON

"Advent Hope & The Redemption of our Bodies"  
Rev. EJ McGaughy

RESPONSE SONG

*She Flies on*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus' Prayer

MOMENT OF GENEROSITY

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

*Comfort, Comfort O My People*

NCH 101

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE