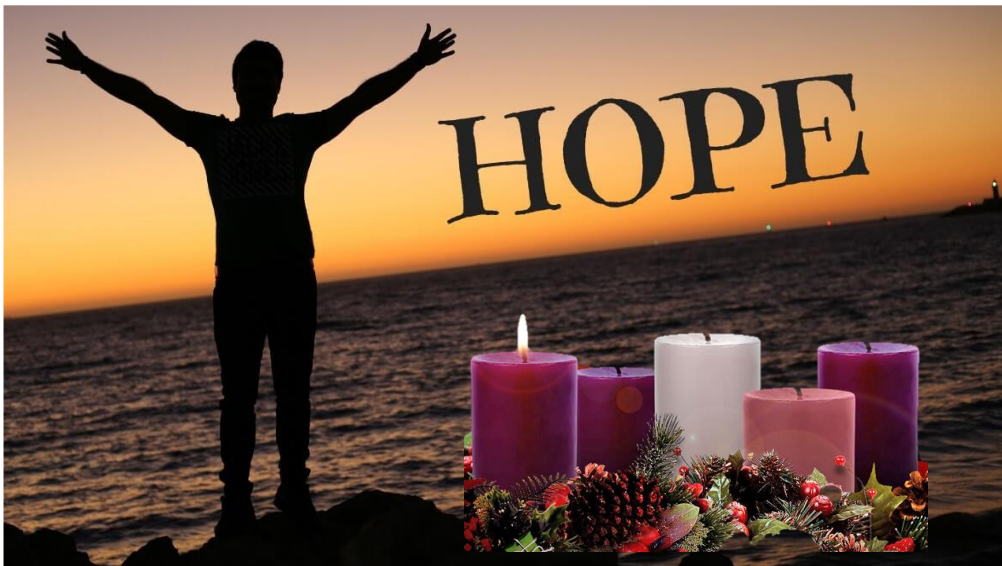


BERN REFORMED UCC WORSHIP DECEMBER 1st, 2024



PRELUDE: "The Desert Shall Rejoice"

- Smith

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE SPONSORED "In Honor of Benita Wagner's Birthday" *This Friday, Benita will be 91years young!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE"

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 33:14-16 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 25:3-9

LEADER: Show me your ways, O Lord; Lead me in your truth.

PEOPLE: **In you have I trusted all the day long.**

LEADER: Remember Your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.

PEOPLE: **Gracious and upright is the Lord.**

LEADER: He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way.

PEOPLE: **The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness!**

HYMN #89 "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

- 1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Long desired of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**
- 2. Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet God our King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne**

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36 Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

EPISTLE: I Thessalonians 3:9-13 How can we thank God enough in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. May he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

SERMON: "HOPE?"

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Advent Carol"

-Reissner

"THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION"

THE INVITATION (Lifting of "THE BREAD" and "THE CUP")

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE "GREAT THANKSGIVING"

Pastor: The Lord Be With You **People: And also with you**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord

People: It is right to give the Lord Thanks and Praise

Distribution of the Bread: "A Voice Cries Out" - *Joncas*

The Fruit of the Vine: "Thrill of Hope" - *Christy Nockels*

Pastor: PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #88 "O COME O COME EMMANUEL"

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**2. O come, thou Dayspring, come & cheer. Our spirits by Thine
advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's
dark shadows put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**3. O come Desire of nations bind, All peoples in one heart and
mind; Bid envy, strife, & discord cease; fill the whole world with
heaven's peace.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Song For A Feast Day"

-Livingston

Attendance last week 65