



***First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
“Hope of the Unexpected”***

Welcome and Announcements

Centering for Worship

Harry Disher

Advent Candle: Hope and Expectation

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Jeremiah 33:14-16

Invitation to Generous Gifts

Third Space

Reminder of Generous Giving Opportunities

Doxology

Prayer Dedication

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. And we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; Hope because of your presence with us even now.

ALL: Receive these generous offerings and use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns: Prayers of the People: Lord’s Prayer

Song

Prayer for Scripture

Joanna Harader

Luke 21:25-36

“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."

Reading

Karl Rahner

Meditation

Affirming Our Mission

ALL: We the members and friends of Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ seek to embody and celebrate God's love by being a community that lives Christ's compassion and promotes justice, healing and wholeness of life; a joyous family where all are welcome to join together to grow in faith and love.

Blessing

Be people of peace. Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet. Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear. Share peace by listening to all sides of the story. Share peace by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace. As we go out into the wonder of God's creations, share peace and hope with those you meet. Amen.

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