

Sunday December 3, 2017

Advent 1B

**GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Closing Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun " #75 green hymnal

\*Benediction

\*Response

Organ Postlude:

\*Congregation: Please rise in body or in spirit.

CHECK IN ON YOUR NEIGHBOR REGULARLY

GIVE A NEIGHBOR A HUG

TREAT YOUR NEIGHBOR WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

ARRANGE A NEIGHBORHOOD KID'S DAY

Advocate for justice by joining the Justice and Peace Action Network (JPANet)

Start a neighborhood clean-up program

HOST A BIBLE STUDY GROUP WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

INVITE A NEIGHBOR TO DINNER

Offer to TAKE CARE of neighbor's pets when they need help

JOIN A DISASTER RECOVERY RELIEF EFFORT

WRITE A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

SMILE

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

Send a letter or card to a Global Mission Co-Worker

Help a neighbor with transportation to the grocery store or doctor visits

Volunteer to serve a COMMUNITY MEAL at a local church or agency

TAKE A NEIGHBOR TO CHURCH

Connect with a partner church in South Africa

Participate in the GLOBAL MINISTRIES Child and Elder Sponsorship Program

Be there to provide a LISTENING EAR to your neighbor

**LOVE OF NEIGHBOR**

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR GREAT LIVES a just world for all

ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBOR

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

renew a friendship

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. - 1 John 4:11

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

December 3, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM



**Welcome**

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**Music for Quiet Reflection**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:**

**Calling Each Other To Worship**

One: We come into God's presence in hopeful anticipation, We await the coming of the Son of God..

*All: The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light, the stars may fall from the sky...*

One: Still, the Divine Spirit is with us. *God sends angels from the four winds, the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.*

**All : We hear Jesus' words, "Keep awake! Be alert!"**

**Opening Hymn:** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" #74 green hymnal

**Calling God into Our Hearts, Minds, and Spirits (In Unison as in one voice)**

God of the four winds, blow your Spirit through this space. From north and south, east and west, we gather to worship your holy name; We belong to you; we are clay in your hands. Open our ears to the sound of your voice echoing through the spheres. Open our eyes to the brilliance of your presence shining in each new day. Open our hearts to the new reign of Jesus Christ come now to earth. Amen.

**GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN**

**First Sunday of Advent (Focus: Isaiah 64:1-9) Hope The Burlingame Family**

**Reader 1:** O God, we light the first candle of Advent; the Candle of Hope.

**The Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

**Reader 2:** We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

**Reader 1:** The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come

down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God

**People:** Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your hope, justice, love, and peace. Amen.

**We Sing:** The First Verse of "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (Insert)

**Anthem** "In The First Light" by Kauflin

**\*Fellowship Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #45 green hymnal

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Mark 13:24-37

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Wake Up For Christ's Sake!"

**Anthem** "One Small Child" by Meece

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**Responding in Prayer**

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

Response

**Responding through Giving**

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

**Hymn of Praise:** "The Doxology"

**\*The Prayer of Dedication of Our Gifts, Funds And Talents (Unison as in One Voice)** God, whose faithfulness exceeds the limits of the earth, accept these gifts of our hearts and hands. May they be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ's peace in the world. Amen.

**GOD'S PEOPLE FEAST**

**Communion Hymn:** "What Wondrous Love is This" Insert

**Celebration of Holy Communion**