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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE JOINT WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • 10:00 am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏: – Shane Cantanho

WELCOME 歓迎: — Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

VIDEO: “Hanging of the Greens”

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 招きの言葉: – Barbara Mulford

Leader: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

People: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

People: We journey together toward the day that

all the earth awaits.

Leader: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

People: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

People: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

***OPENING PRAYER 祈禱:** – Barbara Mulford

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming and eager to pray. O God, in days to come, the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come, Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer. Amen.

***SONG: “Cornerstone”** – Wesley Praise Band

Words and music by Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan & Jonas Myrin

Verses from “The Solid Rock” by Edward Mote

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My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

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Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord. Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

***SONG: “Living Hope” – Wesley Praise Band**

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

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How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain.
There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

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Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.
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your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, yours is the victory. Whoa.

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You have broken ev'ry chain.
There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain.
There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
O God, you are my living hope.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: — Warren Shimonishi,
Conan & Lori Low and family

Reader 1: Welcome to Advent. Our 2025 theme is An Advent of Renewal. In a season that can get frantic, we want to slow down, breathe, and prepare our hearts for Christ.

Reader 2: Today we light the candle of hope. In today's scripture reading we will hear about God inviting us onto a new path, toward a more spiritual life, one that is reordered and restored.

Reader 1: This Advent we will focus on self-care: caring for body, mind, and spirit so we can be ready to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Reader 2: We light this candle of hope, trusting God is leading us—step by step—toward what heals.
(Light the 1st candle.)

Children and Youth dismissed to their classes.

ANTHEM:

“Waiting for the Light!” — Chancel Choir

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SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Barbara Mulford

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Shizuko Adachi 足立静子
イザヤ書2章1節-5節(新共同訳)

¹アモツの子イザヤが、ユダとエルサレムについて幻に見たこと。²終わりの日に主の神殿の山は、山々の頭として堅く立ちどの峰よりも高くそびえる。国々はこぞって大河のようにそこに向かい ³多くの民が来て言う。「主の山に登り、ヤコブの神の家に行こう。主はわたしたちに道を

示される。わたしたちはその道を歩もう」と。主の教えはシオンから御言葉はエルサレムから出る。⁴主は国々の争いを裁き、多くの民を戒められる。彼らは剣を打ち直して鋤とし槍を打ち直して鎌とする。国は国に向かって剣を上げずもはや戦うことを学ばない。⁵ヤコブの家よ、主の光の中を歩もう。

MESSAGE 説教:

“Plows and Pruning Hooks”

— Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual Formation,
Community Engagement, and Music

SONG: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” UMH #207

— Wesley Praise Band

Words Isaiah 40:3; 52:10

Music by Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé

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Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the
salvation of our God.

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COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金: — Barbara Mulford

OFFERTORY MUSIC: — Shane Cantanho

Altar flowers are given by Hector & Beverly Acuña in honor of Mark Teagle and Shane Cantanho and their leadership of the Choir.

***DOXOLOGY** 頌栄: — Wesley Praise Band

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words by Thomas Ken, Music by Luis Bourgeois

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In Japanese:

A-me-tsu-chi ko-zo-ri-te

Ka-shi-ko-mi ta-ta-e-yo

Mi-me-gu-mi a-fu-ru-ru

Chi-chi mi-ko mi-ta-ma wo. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** 祈祷: — Barbara Mulford

Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world

for your coming reign. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — Rev. John Oda

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** UMH #211
— Wesley Praise Band
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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.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

***BENEDICTION 祝禱:** – Mark Teagle

***RESPONSE 応答:** – “Go Now In Peace”
– Wesley Praise Band

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Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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*Please stand if you are able.