

WORSHIP OF GOD – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Gathering

Music for Meditation

To a Virgin Meek and Mild", V. Bow, O. Overby, traditional Spanish carol, arr. D. Labman

Organ Prelude

Saviour of the Nations, Come, J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Setting the Table

Welcome Home

Advent Candle Lighting

A Story of Entering Twilight Daryl Hunt

One: As the day begins to close, we enter into twilight.

Many: And darkness will follow and the sun will rise again.

One: Each day brings new opportunities for being God's people in new ways.

Many: And each day we claim God's love through Jesus Christ so that we can be God's people.

One: We light this first candle of Advent knowing, believing, affirming that the light of Jesus will guide us into tomorrow and tomorrow.

Many: We light this candle for the days ahead when we need to see the light of Jesus

Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Latin hymn, T. Helmore, arr. D. Labman

*Morning Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Time

Special Music

Amazing Grace, J. Newton

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Giving Our Gifts to God

Music for Meditation

Saviour of the Nations, Come, K. Hildebrand

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Saviour of the Nations, Come, P. Manz

**All voices: on campus – please remain seated with masks on; online – please unmute.*

Thank you to our musicians in today's service including: Ella Torres, soprano; Danielle Romano, alto; Josh Carlisle, tenor; Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organ; David Labman, piano, director.

Diaspora Announcements:

- ❖ Masks are required on campus at all times.
- ❖ Section Leader Singing Barriers are made possible through the *Susan Boulay Music Fund*.
- ❖ Prayer requests for this week may be texted to Rev. Brent Bowden (phone number is listed in the church directory) or made by completing a form in the Garden Room. Those at home may share prayer requests by unmuting.
- ❖ On-campus contributions may be made in the baskets at the entrances and exits. You may also continue to mail your check to the office or give through our website.
- ❖ For all the latest church information, please check the Diaspora Times at www.rochesterfbc.org/diaspora.