

Arnold Mills United Methodist Church

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“Be Not Afraid”

The First Sunday of Advent



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*Welcome! You are invited to respond where the **bolded** words appear.
"UMH" = The United Methodist Hymnal; "FWS" = The Faith We Sing*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

THRESHOLD TO OUR ADVENT WAITING

ADVENT SONG "Be Not Afraid"

Into our world, so fraught with danger
Into our hearts, so filled with fear
Into our faith, so small and feeble
Come to us words we long to hear:
 Be not afraid; your Savior's coming
 Be not afraid; he'll come to stay
 Emmanuel – God will be with us
 Fear not for hope is on the way

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

One: As we light this Advent candle,
All: **Hope of the world, shine on us.**
One: Savior, we await your coming,
All: **Hope of the world, shine on us.**
One: In the darkness of our fears,
All: **Hope of the world, shine on us.**
One: Jesus, when we leave this place,
All: **Hope of the world, shine through us.**

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vv. 1-4) #211 (UMH)

OPENING PRAYER¹

God of Advent, we live in the promise that you will fulfill your will for earth. Yet nations are in chaos and our lives are in turmoil. Gather us together to begin our watch for the coming of your Promised One. Lead us through our fears and ground us in hope. Nurture in us a watchful and attentive spirit. In the name of the One who is to come, we pray. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Isaiah 2:1-4 (OT Pg. 594)
Luke 21:8-11, 25-28 (NT Pg. 80)
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Be Not Afraid"

WE RESPOND

HYMN "View the Present through the Promise" See insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

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 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: Tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart
as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, accept and bless these gifts we bring. Enable us to use them in ministries that nurture your hope in fearful hearts. In the name of the Hope of the World we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY FORTH THE LIGHT OF JESUS

HYMN "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" #730 (UMH)

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Be Not Afraid”

Into our world, so fraught with danger

Carry the news from heav’n to earth

Be messengers of Love’s arrival

Share the good news of Jesus’ birth:

Be not afraid; your Savior’s coming

Be not afraid; he’ll come to stay

Emmanuel – God will be with us

Fear not for hope is on the way

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Liturgist: Chip Thurlow

Vocalist: (AMUMC Choir)

Music Director: Joe Mazzarella

Presider: Rev. Arlene Tully

¹Adapted from *Flames of the Spirit*, Ruth C. Duck, ed.

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1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here
 far - and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 all peo-ple on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry VENI EMMANUEL
 Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 LM with Refrain
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

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 Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

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1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 3. Match the pres-ent to the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Trust de-spite the deep-ening dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem-ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev-ing
 Let your lov-ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for-giv-ing
 Pat-tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

in the hope past hope's con-ceiv-ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait-ing: Christ will come a - gain.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. by Luther Orlando Emerson

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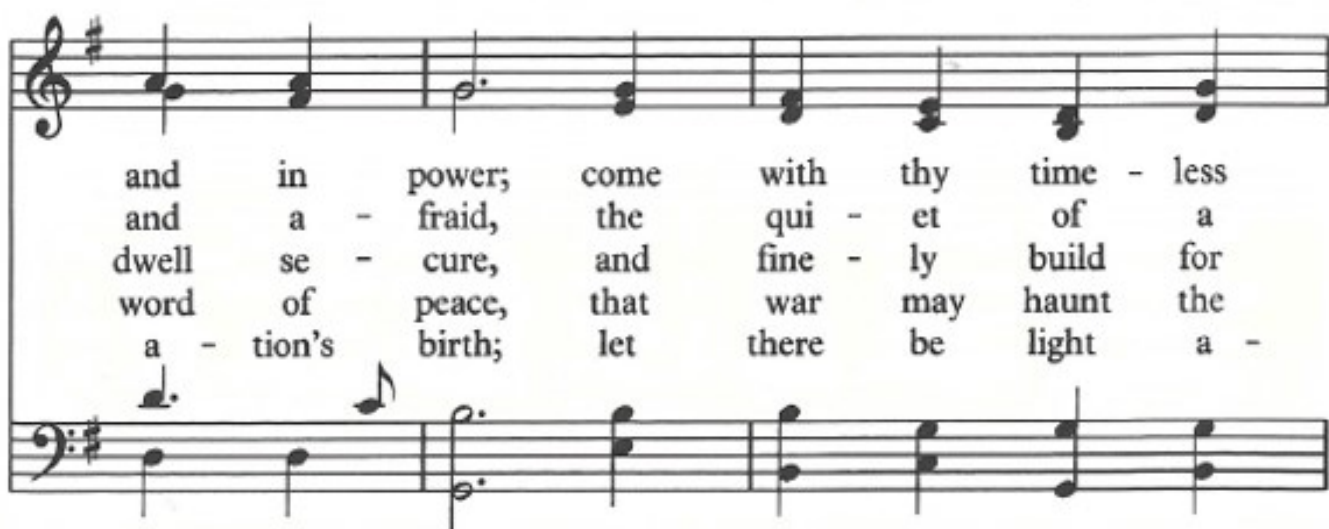
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O Day of God, Draw Nigh

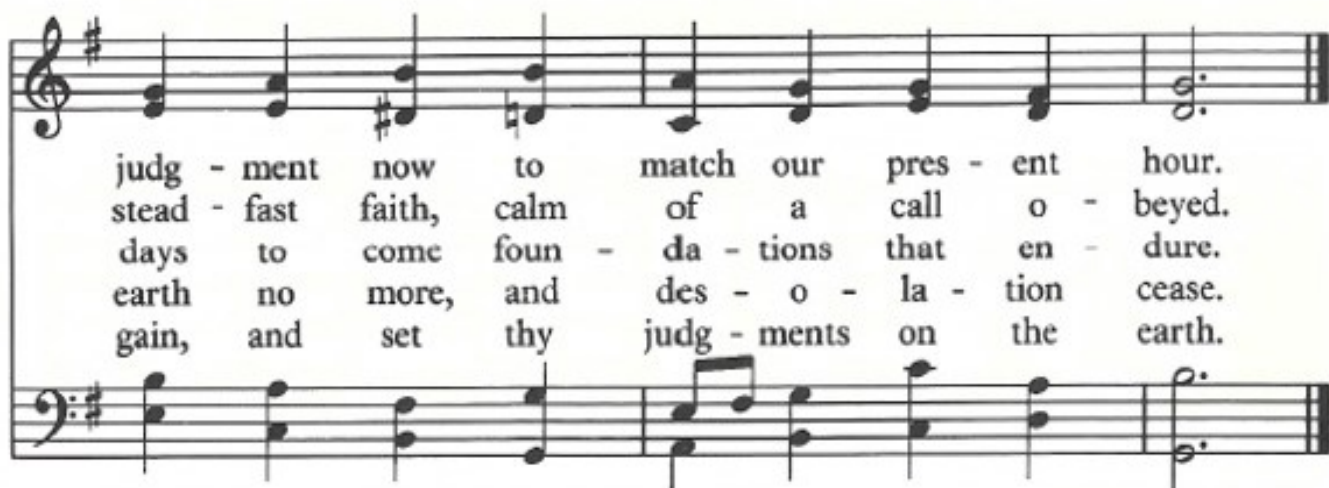
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1. O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty
 2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain
 3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may
 4. Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign
 5. O day of God, draw nigh as at cre -



and in power; come with thy time - less
 and a - fraid, the qui - et of a
 dwell se - cure, and fine - ly build for
 word of peace, that war may haunt the
 a - tion's birth; let there be light a -



judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 earth no more, and des - o - la - tion cease.
 gain, and set thy judg - ments on the earth.

WORDS: R. B. Y. Scott, 1937

MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; arr. by William Crotch, 1836

ST. MICHAEL

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