



**ADVENT**  
2021 F I R S T S U N D A Y

A Sign to the World

Rev. Trey Haddon



Sunday, November 28, 2021

10:30 AM Service

**\*Congregational Singing requires masks to stay on**

**PRELUDE**

2 Settings of "Savior of the Nations, Come"  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Kevin Chunko

**WELCOME and LIFE TOGETHER**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Rejoice, Rejoice  
VENI EMMANUEL

Chapel Choir Interns

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

The Parker Family

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration.  
**Let us walk his way with hope.**  
Jesus beckons us to a way of risk.  
**Let us walk his way with hope.**  
Jesus challenges us to listen to the word.  
**Let us walk his way with hope.**  
Jesus calls us to follow.  
**Let us walk his way with hope.**

Elder Ruth Gabor

**CALL to CONFESSION**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, you warn us to read the signs for the coming of your glory— in the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring of the seas and the waves, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of ambiguity where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes. Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

By God, all are loved and all tears are dried;  
By God, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.  
**Forgiven, loved, sent forth - we are God's children!**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PASSING of the PEACE**

Elder David Kaeb

**SONG of the DAY**

Earth And All Stars vv. 1 and 4

\*Congregational Singing

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Deacon Teri Parker

**WORD in SONG**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers  
arr. Evelyn R. Carter

Chapel Choir Interns

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 21:25-36

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**MESSAGE**

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Hold On  
Twila Paris

Sophie Remmert and Kevin Chunko

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

How Great Thou Art

Sophie Remmert

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude in C, BWV 531/1  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Kevin Chunko

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

arr. Evelyn R. Carter

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear.  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh.  
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil.  
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.  
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near.  
Go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear!  
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup>“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. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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.”