

# Third Sunday of Advent

November 20, 2022

## Advent Wreath Lighting

Lord, even now you are calling to us

**You promise the trumpet will sound, all wrongs will be right!**

We will call the assembly in hope,  
one way or another we will connect and gather together

**We are the congregation: the aged, the children, the infants.**

**We are the people of God**

God says, fear not, for I will fill you with my spirit. Live into Hope.

We live into hope, loving God.

*Light the Hope Candle*

Lord,  
in the midst of suffering and death, remind us  
that love is worth the cost of hope.  
Teach us to enact the world  
we hope for.

**Help us to live into Hope  
every time we wait for Jesus,  
we pray.  
Amen.**



## *Live to Tell the Story: Hope*

**Activity:** Spend some time looking into organizations that are working to improve our communities, especially around the issues you care about. It can be easy to focus on the problems and get discouraged, but whether it's access to healthcare or support for immigrants and refugees, there are many organizations full of people doing meaningful work. Look for stories and evidence of the positive impact people are making, so you have good news to share over your Thanksgiving gatherings.

**Reflection Questions:** *Think about a time when you felt particularly hopeful and proud to be a part of something. What were you doing? Who were you working with? Are these people still in your life? Who and what gives you hope these days? What gifts do you have and how do they, or might they, help make your community better?*

**Closing Prayer:** God of hope, thank you for stirring up your power in me and showing me pathways for meaningful action. Give me courage to walk with and work alongside others. Help me to see how my gifts and the needs of my community can connect for good. Give me eyes to see you in all people, including myself. Amen.

**There is no midweek gathering this week**

*Advent stained glass image and weekly devotional by Rev. Anna K. Rieke.*