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[0:00] Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Good morning, church.

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you. It is a thrill to be able to gather, whether you join us online or whether you join us here in person, as we come together still in the spirit of Thanksgiving and ready to celebrate the beginning of this wonderful new church year and new season of Advent.

So, my name is Scott. I'm one of the pastors here. And it's a thrill to welcome you to worship at the Pendleton Center, excuse me, United Methodist Church. Here to share a few announcements before we begin. So, if you have your bulletin, take out all your assembled pieces.

Okay. All right. Thing one is that we have the order for poinsettias. That's this envelope. If you want to order poinsettias, this is how you can do it, or you can do it online as well.

[2:12] And so, if you want to make sure you get those in by December 4th. December 4th. Okay. Other thing we want to draw attention to is the Light of the World, our Christmas program, which will be taking place on December 11th.

Especially to call to help. So, make sure you read that all the way through. You can see there's a call for volunteers, call for some baking, etc. So, make sure you pay attention to that. Angel Tree is up in Mission Alley.

So, if you want to support a young person over the course of these few weeks, make sure that you grab one of the tags and fill out the appropriate pieces, so that you can be a blessing to them that way.

Also, tonight, we have Hanging of the Greens as we prepare to decorate the sanctuary in the church. So, if you want to be a part of that program, we will be starting at 4.30. The dinner is at 5.00.

And, of course, it is always a festive and beautiful time. So, if you can join us tonight, please do. There are other announcements in the bulletin. I'm going to trust you to read them. And now, let us open our hearts as we enter into our spirit of worship.

[3:16] Good morning.

And welcome to this first Sunday in Advent. When you came in, you were instructed to take a feather and a paper bag.

Right? If you didn't get one, you can, at some point, when we're standing up singing, help yourself to go back and get them. Our theme for Advent is angels among us.

And you probably can make sense of what that message is. There are angels among us. There are angels that were sent throughout the Christmas season, as we know it, but not so much the Bible describes it, that were sent with big announcements, big proclamations, angels among us.

And so, this feather is your reminder of angels among us. And the paper bag I'll tell you about in a little bit. So, let us join together in this opening prayer.

[4:30] Holy living God, blessed Jesus, guiding spirit, alight us with your flame to hope this day. Grant us openness to hear your message.

Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more hope in the midst of fear. And with the angel messengers above us, and as the hope candle comes into the sanctuary, let us join the band in singing.

Surely, the presence of God is in this place. Surely, Surely, Surely, Surely, Surely, Amen.

Amen. Good morning.

And I'm going to invite you to stand for our two opening hymns, Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus and Angels from the Realms of Glory. Amen. Jesus born to set thy people free.

[6:50] From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth, thy heart, Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver. Born a child and yet a king.

Born to reign in us forever. Thou thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone.

[8:06] By thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Angels from the realms of glory, In your flight o'er all the earth.

He who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night. God with us is now residing, Younger shines the infant light.

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the newborn King.

[9:32] Saints before thee all-sufficient, Watching long in hope and fear. Suddenly the Lord descending, In his temple shall appear.

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the newborn King.

You may be seated. Good morning. It's so nice to see you all here.

As we start our sermon series of Angels Among Us, we are called to be those angels to people. We are called to have the hope to go out and spread God's news and God's light into the world.

So we ask that you be in prayerful consideration of your offerings. Thank you. There's a line in this song that sums up some of what Pastor Kathy's going to share in her sermon.

[10:46] In the bridge of the song, it says, Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears. This is a song called He Shall Reign Forevermore.

And as always, if you know it, sing with us. In the late mid-lintern, all creation groans. For a world in darkness, in the late mid-lintern, all creation groans.

For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone, frozen like a stone, light is breaking. In the late mid-lintern, all creation groans.

For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone, light is breaking. Frozen like a stone, light is breaking.

In a stable for a throne. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

[11:47] And He shall reign forevermore. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. Unto us a child is born, King of kings and Lord of lords.

And He shall reign forevermore. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. If I were a wise man, I would travel far.

If I were a shepherd, I would do my part, If I were a shepherd, I would do my part, For as I am, I will give to Him my heart.

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

[13:12] We are born forever, forevermore. To be with in a major lies. The One who made the starry skies. This may be born for sacrifice.

Christ the Messiah is into our homes, into our fears. The Savior of the world appears.

The promise of eternal years. Christ the Messiah, and He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore Into us a child is born, King of kings and Lord our Lord And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore And he shall reign forever, forevermore And he shall reign forever, forevermore

We offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world In your name we pray, amen As we prepare to pray together this morning, we are mindful of a need for hope We have that hope within us, but we know there's a world that's crying out for hope And that'll be our focus of our prayer because we know as God's presence is among us We, especially those who know God, always have a reason for hope In the midst of our storms, in the midst of our trials, and certainly in the midst of our joys There is always hope that springs So how might we be in prayer together today So that you might be in touch with that hope Does anyone have a joy or a concern they'd like to lay before folks That we might be in prayer with you?

Thank you for everybody traveling All right All right Joanna you said?

Joanna Joanne Joanne lost her son-in-law So Anna wants to keep her in front of everyone for prayer Melissa My cousin's husband had a major spine injury And he's going to be in the hospital for quite a while Okay, so Melissa wants her cousin's husband kept in prayer because he hurt his spine And is going to be in the hospital for a while Tom I want to express the joy that my daughter is engaged now All right That's great news All right Celebrating an engagement Carol Okay Okay Okay, so Carol wants to lift up her friend Carrie whose father died And she said that was unexpected So we want to keep them covered in prayer as well Anyone else?

Our oldest son, Evan, got married a couple weeks ago All right Celebrating a marriage That's awesome Louie Say that number again, Anna Say that number again 1,450 boxes Okay Our congregation is 449 boxes Oh, that's awesome Say that number again, Anna Say that number again 1,450 boxes Okay 1,450 boxes total for Operation Christmas Child That's pretty amazing All right So that said Let's open our hearts as we continue to praise God through our prayers Loving and eternal one Source of all that is good and great in life We come before you today

We come before you today because we are here as we are in preparation Season of readying ourselves for the ways you will be born in us anew this season Lord, we come to you today with a thought of hope in our hearts Hope is before us Hope is on our minds Hope that comes from your abiding presence Because in the face of so many circumstances that are overwhelming Whether they be illnesses Whether it be grief and loss Whether it be times of confusion Whether it be simply lamenting the state of the world Whether it be a time of deep physical need Or financial need or any other challenge We know that when we walk with you There is always reason for hope So when the world would tell us to turn our back When the world would tell us to give up We know that our hope flows from you You are the God who makes a way You are the God who is in control of all things

And so we trust you even in the midst of what feels too big for us Because we know that nothing is too big for you Lord, we also continue to hold on to hope Because we know that there are times when you are with us And we are able to know that joy that comes from your being close There are many celebrations today that we have heard Engagements and weddings Celebrations of generosity and giving Just the simple joy of being together As we come together during this season Where thanks is first and foremost in our hearts We give you thanks because you are indeed with us Lord God, thank you for the ways in which you continue to give us hope Because we know we didn't get here on our own We know we couldn't have done it without you We know that it has been your gentle, guiding, loving hand with us all the way And even when the valley was deep and dark You were still with us

So Lord God, we come in hope today No matter what challenges us No matter what seems too hard We know that you have given us reason for hope Our hope is eternal Because you are eternal Our hope is sure Because you are sure Our hope is unbreakable and unshakable Because you are unbreakable And unshakable So Lord, let us walk in hope And let us share that hope with the world around us today Because there are so many who do not know So many who are in need of things And so many who are in need of basics But Lord, let them discover That there is a reason for hope Because your love abides Your love abides in us Your love abides in the spirit that unites us all And Lord, we have known that love In the face and in the presence And in the saving life of Jesus Christ In his name we pray today Amen

Good morning Our scripture this morning Is from the book of Luke Chapter 1 verses 5-25 During the rule of King Herod of Judea There was a priest named Zechariah Who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron They were both righteous before God Blameless in their observance Of all the Lord's commandments and regulations They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant And they both were very old One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God

Because his priestly division was on duty Following the customs of priestly service He was chosen by lottery to go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense All the people who gathered to worship were praying outside during this hour of incense offering An angel from the Lord appeared to him standing to the right of the altar of incense When Zechariah saw the angel he was startled and overcome with fear The angel said don't be afraid Zechariah Your prayers have been heard Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son And you must name him John He will be a joy and delight to you And many people will rejoice at his birth For he will be great in the Lord's eyes He must not drink wine and liquor He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord their God He will go forth before the Lord

Equipped with the spirit and power of Elijah He will turn the hearts of fathers back to their children And he will turn the disobedient to righteous patterns of thinking He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord Zechariah said to the angel How can I be sure of this?

My wife and I are very old The angel replied I am Gabriel I stand in God's presence I was sent to speak to you And to bring this good news to you Know this What I have spoken will come true at the proper time But because you didn't believe You will remain silent Unable to speak Until the day when these things happen Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah And they wondered why he was in the sanctuary For such a long time When he came out He was unable to speak to them They realized he had seen a vision in the temple For he gestured to them And couldn't speak When he completed the days of his priestly service He returned home Afterward, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant She kept to herself for five months Saying, this is the Lord's doing He has shown his favor to me By removing my disgrace among other people

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God Thank you, Jan In your bulletin There's a picture that looks like this Martin Luther King Jesus Christ Finite disappointment Absolute, infinite hope Finite disappointment Meaning that life is life And things will go wrong Things will disappoint us But infinite hope And today, as we talk about hope We are reminded Of where our hope comes from Zechariah It was just an ordinary day

For Zechariah He was on call For the chapel For the temple He was the one Who was supposed to be in there On that day So that he could prepare The space and place For worship He would pray He would light incense He would spend time in there In the very most sacred space That not everybody could go into Zechariah and his priestly division As they describe in scripture Is a team of those Who serve in a priest-like manner And prepare the space and place For worship For a season And then go back home Now Zechariah Married to Elizabeth Had not been able They had not been able To have children And now they had become old As the story says And so he carries on With his priestly duties And Elizabeth carries on With life

And in comes an angel Now if you look at portraits Portraying some of the angel Messengers from God Speaking to those humans They are often very large angels And so this angel Gabriel Shows up And just like you and I would be He was terrified And so the angel Began to speak And Zechariah was like Kind of Almost like You don't understand Can you imagine Telling a messenger from God You don't understand Because the reality is Is that We could never have a child And we're old Now who knows what old was Back then But too old to have children Or so they thought And what does Gabriel say When you've got Zechariah Saying But I'm Zechariah I'm married to Elizabeth

Don't you know We haven't been able To have children And Gabriel is like Well I'm Gabriel Like you're Zechariah But I'm Gabriel I'm Gabriel I'm a messenger from God And still Zechariah doubted But let's talk about hope For them Because we often Struggle to find hope When we get disappointed When something breaks in our life That we don't believe can be fixed We often wonder About hope In a particular area Of our life It could be job It could be family It could be a relationship It could even be Our relationship with God Because sometimes We believe That God will answer Our prayers In the way that we believe That God should answer

Our prayers I imagine that Elizabeth and Zechariah Prayed to God For a child And yet A child didn't come So where do they Find their hope Where do we find Our hope I'd like to invite you To consider When things go wrong In your life Where do you look For hope And then I want to Share a story Sure We can all see Black on black Right The story Is about A little boy And it's called Trying to get back To the title page It's the It's It's all about A paper bag Now you know Why you have The paper bag And the paper bag Begins its story

In the woods In the tall Trees That are harvested To make Paper And products And there's one Log That's Pointed out And you can see In the story book Because there's no words In this book No words And the log Is different And the log Goes to the factory And it goes Through all the Mechanizations And turns into Paper And turns into A paper bag Just Like A lunch bag Anybody ever Take their lunch In one of these Probably one of The stories That we never Told my parents Because they Sent us to school With lunch In a paper bag And no one Else had paper bags I'm sure no one In the entire school So we just Shoved him in our Locker And forgot about him We never took The paper bags To the cafeteria Matt Lockers

Already Without Left Lunch So anyway So in this Little boy's life It appears Because there's no words It appears as though He's lost his mother And his father Is raising him And his father Gets him ready For the first day Of school And he sends His lunch In a paper bag And he puts a heart On it And a little note Inside For this very little boy Who's going to school Of course he can't Read yet So the teacher Reads his note And so it goes on And he decides To keep this paper bag With the heart On it To store memories To store treasures Now if any of you Have ever seen How toddlers And small children Collect treasures You know it depended We had two boys And a girl And our grandson Much like our sons Collects rocks Rocks

Rocks Trucks More rocks And when he figured Out pockets He was the most excited Little boy In the world So this little boy Has little trucks Rocks And then Fast forward To when he falls in love And there's a note A poem That his beloved That his beloved Writes for him And he puts it In the paper bag And on and on It goes And when his father Dies And he is Married Then he takes This paper bag And he empties it out To look At all the memories The memories Are a part Of where He finds His hope So I decided I didn't put a heart On my paper bag yet But I did put Some special Memories Here's a picture

That was taken A couple of weeks ago For my celebration Which was beyond Any expectation I could have had And this is Our family Dave Lester Took a picture of us Out by the garden And my daughter Who was broken hearted That she couldn't be here Photoshopped herself And her family Into the picture And so This memory Of this Very special event Is a part Of what's in here This is an angel An ornament An angel That was Made and given To my husband By someone In his church As we remembered Sadie And the celebration Of having even met Sadie And so that's What this angel Is for So while on the Subject of angels Next week We will have Christmas trees In here And we are Inviting you

To find An angel ornament If you have one And if you have one That you're willing To bring here Put your name on it And hang it On the tree So that Our angels Among us Can represent Your homes Your families Your history Just remember To put your name On it So that when All is said and done You will have Your angel back And so If you don't have An angel ornament Maybe it's a good time To go buy one Because we would love To see the angels Around I have Shell In my memory bag And the shell Is not the most Beautiful It's not whole It's broken But isn't that The way of life None of us Are perfect And so This shell Is in here

Remembering All the trips To beaches And all of the Wonderful times By the ocean I have In here My mother's Watch And my mother's Watch was Special because She had to get A watch When she became A nurse That showed Her minutes Seconds She had to know Exactly what time It was so often Because back then They wrote down What time you got Medication with a pen There was no Computer keys And the last thing That's in Well two last things One is a Stop watch That was my Grandfather's One of my Most beloved Father People in my life Was my grandfather And when we As his grandchildren Were with him This never even Got opened Unless we asked Because he had All the time In the world For us And finally A charm bracelet

Did anybody Ever get one of These when you Were younger Has jingles You can always Tell somebody Wearing a charm Bracelet Because it just Makes that sound Whenever And it has The memory Of trips And Christmases And special Events Now let me Tell you Yes there's The story And that's Important I put this Rectangle here Because I want Us to think About our Lives And hope And I want Us to think About how It is We learned When I was Working in the Hospital To ask people When they were Struggling When they were In distress We would talk About when You've struggled Before in your Life As most people Have Where did You find Your hope Where did You find Your feet On the Ground And then

Let's try On to that Again Because that Didn't go Away Let's bring It here Because you Can hold On to it Again So as we Go down The path Of life And I want You to Picture Elizabeth And Zechariah And us As we walk Down this Path of life And in Our life Full of Hope And wonder And excitement And a plan For how our Life is going To look We imagined Probably as Children What would we Be when we Grew up What kind Of adventures Would we Have What kind Of family Would we Have Or what Kind of Adventures Would we Have And never Mind the Family When we're Little We think And so We walk Along and We have All of These hopes And then Something Happens Something Happens That kind Of shakes Us So imagine Elizabeth and Zechariah Getting

Their adulthood Getting married And discovering That they Could not Have children There was No greater Disgrace Back in Biblical Times Than to Not have Children People were Shamed People were Sometimes Husbands Would get New wives If their Wife Couldn't Have a Child Because it Was always The fault Of the Woman As the Scripture Says Elizabeth Was not Able to Have children So you Picture Zechariah And Elizabeth Getting to That place That place And they Can't see Where does The road Go Where's The hope And they Look back And they Are reminded We believe In god We believe In god's Hope We believe That god Will show Us the Way Because god's Always shown Us the Way And so It is That they Make it To the Corner And they Can Then turn Not the

Way they Imagined But turned In a way That they Hadn't And they Go down That road And what To Zechariah And Elizabeth Do As it Says In the Scripture They Were Faithful People They Practiced Their Faith They Prayed They Went To Temple They Listened To The word Of god Shared By the Rabbis At the Time They Were Faithful Sometimes I've Told People When You Lose Your Faith Fake It Until You Make It Now You Might Think Are You Kidding Me Did You Just Say Fake It What I Mean Is That When We Falter When We Falter And We All Do In Some Way Keep Doing The Things That Give Us Faith Keep Doing The Things That Strengthened Our Faith That Supported Us That Surrounded Us And For

> Each Of Us That May Be Different Things It May Be Church It May Be A Small Group It May Be Singing In The Car To Christian Music It May Be Decorating Our Home For Christmas Even Though We Don't Feel Like It A Few Years Years Ago When I Was Here And Matt Was Here And It Was Going To Be Our First Christmas Not Together I Was Living Here He Was Living There And I Was Like It's COVID Can't Do Anything Can't Go Anywhere Can't Have Big Gatherings Everybody Is Like The Answer To Everything Is No No Do Remember The Answer To Everything Is No No Singing No Whatever So I Was Like I'm Not Decorating I'm Just Not Going To Decorate And There Was A Little Bit

> Of Sadness And Disappointment And Also Anger And Then That Evening By I Went To The Basement And I Dragged That Huge Artificial Tree From The Basement All By Myself And Brought It To The Living Lights On Now Jennifer Gets To Do That Because It's Still In The Basement Unless You Got It Out Already It's Up Woo I Did What We Had Done Because It Wasn't Like Christmas Wasn't Going To Happen And I Would Be With Matt Just Not Then That Moment So You Do What You've Done Practice How You've Done Remind Yourself That It's Not Dead It's Just Different Sometimes It Means Instead Of A Tree That You Put A Candle In The Window Sometimes It Means That

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You Don't Go Shopping Because There's The Triple Threat Out There Of RSV The Flu And Still COVID So Maybe Not That Any Would Do This You Order Your Gifts Online And They Deliver Them Right To Your Hope We Get To Corners And We Have To Turn And We Have To Walk Down These Roads Just Like Elizabeth And Zachariah Imagine Zachariah When He Learns That In F Pregnant Imagine You Can Picture Him Being Like Oh My Gosh I Didn't Believe I Didn't Believe Although He Couldn't Say That Because He Couldn't Speak Sometimes We Are Amazed At The Places And The Ways That Our Hope Is Restored

In The Darker Days In The Chaotic Days In The Too Rushed Too Crushed Too Overwhelming Days We Are Surprised Sometimes At The Little Flicker Of Hope That Comes Sometimes When We Look Back And We Think That In The Midst Of Lost Loved Us That There Was A Time In Our Lives Where People Remembered How Hard Life Could Be And They Gave Us Something A Part Of Themselves A Long Time Ago As A Pastor Our Daughter Katie Gave Me This Bear And This Bear Has Patches On Him Or

Her This Was At The Beginning Of Build A Bear Near The Beginning And One Of The Things That She Decided Because We Of Of Of And Had Bears Made And All Of That But She Had This Bear Made With She Talked About It Being A Bear With Issues And The Reason She Did That Is Because As A Pastor She Said I Want You To Have This In Your Office So That When People Who Are Dealing With Issues Come Into Your Office They Might Have Something To Hold On To I Have To Tell You For The Last Ten Years It Has Been Not In My Office But In My Home For My Possession For Just Life Life And It She Went Back To Build A Bear After Sadie Died And Had A Bear Made With Sadie's Heartbeat In It So That She Can Always Feel And Hear That Even Though She Can't Have Sadie She Can Have Her Heartbeat Those Are The Things That

Help Us Remember Remember I Am A Mom Remember That I Can Be Comforted In Times Of Sorrow Remember That God Showed Me The Way When I Didn't Think There Was A Way Remember That There Were Times When You Weren't Sure About This Whole Jesus Thing Really Jesus Saves Me Jesus Is Eternal A Baby Born In A Manger Who Came After John The Baptist Who Was Born To Zechariah And Elizabeth And What Would John The Baptist Do As The Word Proclaims People Would Come To Faith People Would Rejoice And Gather People's Lives Would Be Changed People Who Had Abandoned God Were Going To Come Back To God Because Of John The Baptist Preaching And So It Is Sometimes

From A Guy Who Wore Weird Clothes And Ate Bugs And Honey You Don't Care How Much Honey You Put On A Bug I Don't Want To Eat It But He preached The Jesus Christ And So Into The Darkness Came Proclamation Of Hope The Greatest Hope Everlasting Hope May It Be So In Our Lives That Wherever You Are On Your Journey Wherever You Are In Your Life Look For The Places You Might Not Think To Look Behind You Look Around You We've Done This Before We Know And If You Don't Know Just Keep Going With Us Keep Going Along And You Will Find And Rediscover Who God Is To You

In The Presence Of Jesus Christ Amen As We Are Mindful Of The Ways In Which God Continues To Give Us Hope Let Us Remember That There Is Always Hope To Be Found In The Presence Of Our Lord At His Table Let's Open Our Hearts Together As We Come Before The Lord Our Liturgy Is A Little Different Today So Please Follow along Paul's Letter To The Hebrews Includes A Wonderful Word Do Not Neglect To Show Hospitality To Strangers For By Doing That Some Have Entertained Angels Without Knowing It As

We Enter The Season Of Advent It Is Right And Good That We Gather At The Table Of Jesus Christ Whose Ministry Was Centered In Showing Hospitality Inviting Us All No Matter Whether We Feel At Home In Our Faith Or At Times Like Strangers To Know The Grace Of God That Is Already And Always Awaiting Us If We Will But Be Open To It Let Us Set Aside Any Hesitation Any Obstacle To The Invitation In This Silence We Offer Our Confession Of The Ways We Turn Away From The Fulness Of Love Know

[49:23] This The Things You Have Confessed Before God Even Those Things You Have No Words For At This Moment Are All Being Lifted Away On The Wings Of God's Love Be Assured Of Your Freedom As For Given And Beloved Children Of The Most Gracious God And All God's People Say Amen I Believe There Are Angels Among Us Sent Down To Us From Somewhere Up Above They Come To You And Me In Our Toughest Hours To Show Us How To Live To Forgive To Guide Us With The Light Of Love The Lord Be With You Lift Up Your Hearts Let Us Give Thanks To The Lord Our God In The Beginning You Set Everything In Motion Creator Of Heaven And Earth With Bold Creativity

You Splashed The Sky With Light And Stars Sun And Moon Wind And Clouds Rain And Rainbows And Winged Ones With The Words You Brought Forth The Waters The Waves The Mountains And The Valleys And You Called Forth Our Lives From The Dust And Called It Good And So We Proclaim This Ancient Song With All Of The Saints And Angels Holy Holy God God Of Power And Might Heaven And Earth Are Full Of Your Glory Hosanna In The Highest Blessed Are You Blessed Are You You Sent Your Son Jesus Your Message Made Flesh To Dwell Among Us Harbinger Of Hope Prince Of Peace Cup Of Joy Bread Of Love Through

Jesus You Gave Birth To Your Church And Sealed A New Covenant By Water And Spirit On The Night In Which He Gave Himself Up For Us He Took Bread He Gave Thanks To You He Broke The Bread And He Gave It To His Disciples And Said Take And Eat This Is My Body Which Is Given For You Do This In Remembrance Of Me When The Supper Was Over He Took The Cup He Gave Thanks To You He Gave To His Disciples He Said Drink From This All Of You This Is My Blood Of The New Covenant Poured Out For You And For Many For The For For Sin Do This As Often As You Drink It In And So As We Anticipate The Birth Of Hope Anew We Proclaim The Mystery Of Faith Christ Has Died

Christ Is Risen Christ Will Come Again Touch Us Oh Spirit And These Gifts With Your Transforming Power Open Us To Your Promise Of Resurrection From Fear And Death In Partaking Of These Elements Make Us A People Ready As Your Body In And For An An Anxious World Let Us Become Your Messengers Of Hope In All That We Say And Do Make Us One In This Purpose Oh God Make Us One In Your Son Jesus Christ Who Taught Us To Pray Our Father Who Art In Heaven Hallowed Be Thy Name Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread And Forgive Us Our Trespassers We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us And Lead

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metres Those who are serving today, please join us. Don't friend.

[54:41] Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

We'll hand you a piece of bread. You move to the cup, dip that into the cup, receive both elements together, and then you exit by the sides. There is prepackaged elements here available for you if you would prefer that.

You can also receive gluten-free elements if you go to this station on this side. There is also the prayer station available if you'd like to light a candle in a moment of prayer. Remember, this isn't about your worth or your feeling that you deserve something.

[56:37] This is about God's grace, God's generosity freely given to you. So please come as the spirit moves, for the table is open. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. [58:15] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. [60:45] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. [63:15] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. [65:45] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you.