

*Keep your lamp trimmed and burning...the time is drawing nigh.
Sister don't get weary...Brother don't stop praying...
Children don't stop singing...till your work is done.*

*If you feel so moved on hearing this morning's spiritual
whose author, an enslaved person denied his/her identity, remains
unknown to us, feel free to pay it forward by placing a
royalty donation in the beautiful Tzedakah box
that was made by our children at the back of the church.
Monies collected go to Stages of Freedom, to further their work
In building community and advancing racial equality
through arts, education, and swim empowerment for youth.*

Preaching Feral Hope in Portentous Times

Anthem Trust in the Lord Roland Tabell
[The text may may be found in the Hymnal 527]

Doxology Old Hundredth
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

Offertory Prayer

Sharing the Table of Christ

Hymn 135 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

Commission and Blessing

Postlude I Will Sing Thy Praise (1926) Rued Langgard



PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, December 01, 2024
Eleven O'clock AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude for the First Sunday of Advent Rued Langgaard
Rorate Caeli Melissa Dunphy

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We are called to wake from sleep,
to wake up and hear, to wake and see.
What is God showing us?

**All: A new life, a new world,
a different set of priorities,
freedom from the tyranny of desiring and acquiring.**

One: Wake up,

All: Wake up!

One: Hear the invitation that echoes down the centuries.
Welcome the Way of Christ and find freedom.

**All: Not when the mountains shake, or the seas roar,
or the clouds part to reveal You, Holy One,
but here and now, we wait and watch,
for You will surely come to us. Amen.**

~ adapted from Ann Siddall

Announcements

*Greeting One Another

Kindling the First Advent Light

Linda Bausserman & Stanley Lemons

Hymn Response 140 Emmanuel Bob McGee

Responsive Invocation

One: *When these signs begin to happen,
stand upright and raise your heads.* Luke 21:28

We shudder at signs we see.
Anxieties bombard us.
Our hearts are afraid.

**All: Loving God of us all,
Let us be vigilant, hold our heads high.
Make us an Advent people
with hope as our stronghold.**

One: Jesus entered our world with all its sorrows.

**All: Keep us awake and alert to your holy presence
in the midst of our struggles now.
Tell us again that your love will triumph. Amen.**

~ Adapted from Anne Osdieck

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

Hymn 131 Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Prayers of the People

Abba God, 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. 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 Message

Anthem

Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning
Spiritual, arr. Jane Best