

Order of Worship
1st Sunday of Advent: Those Who Dream Keep Awake
28 November 2021

Prelude: Laura Murach

Welcome: Deacon

Hymn: “When God is a Child” Chalice 132, v. 1

Advent Wreath:

A: I dream of sunflower fields.
B: I dream of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue.
A: I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd. B: I dream of snow days.
A: I dream of empty beds in jail cells.
B: I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.
A: I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.
B: I dream of schools with enough money to teach.
A: I dream of parents with enough money to feed.
B: I dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days, then we might forget that this is not what God imagined.
A: So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat.
Light candle.
B: May this light be an invitation to keep awake.
A: May this light be our invitation to be Advent people—people who dream.
Amen.

Response:

**When God is a child there's joy in the song
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong
And none shall be afraid.**

Message for All: Sarah Pradhan

Response:

**O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

Scripture: Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,
Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Mark 13:28-37

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message "Those Who Dream Keep Awake" Pastor Todd

Vocal Solo: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Ali Dobbert

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Disciple's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Mission Moment Kerri Crough

Closing Hymn: "Awake, Awake" Chalice 138

Charge and Blessing

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Parting Song:

Gloria, in excelsis deo
Gloria, in excelsis deo

Postlude