

**The Stone Church of Willow Glen -
Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California
November 29, 2020- 9:30 a.m.
1st Sunday of Advent**

**Advent Series:
"Those Who Dream Change
Everything"**

The Preparation for the Word

Chimes

Prelude

"Elevazione in F Major"

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

arr. by Pam Hood

Pam Hood, Interim Organist

Welcome

The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor

Call to Worship/Lighting the First Advent Candle *Julia Kraemer & Fran Basso*

Stephanie Foisy, ASL Interpreter

The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes, we can see a better world. When we close our eyes, we can dream a better dream. And when we open our eyes, we begin the work of faith. The power of worship is the same. When we enter into worship, we can see a better world. We dream a better dream. And when we leave this space, we can begin the work of faith.

So come in. Dream your dream and find hope here...

I dream of sunflower fields.

I dream of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue.

I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd.

I dream of empty beds in jail cells.

I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.

*I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.
I dream of schools with enough money to teach.
I dream of parents with enough money to feed.
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.*

Today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat. May this light be an invitation to keep awake.

(Light candle)

*May this light be our invitation to be Advent people—people who dream.
Let us worship God!*

Opening Hymn #2

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: STUTTART, 1

Call to Confession

Barbara Krause, Deacon

Friends, we come to this time of confession in hope. Hope that when we speak the truth about our lives, our sin and the sin of the world, we are made new in the image of Christ. Let us dare to hope, to dream, and to become new together. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Todd & Angie Davidson (Elder, Deacon)

Original Dreamer, over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world.

Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor

Friends, we believe in a God who has dreams for all of humanity. We believe and trust that this same God sent Jesus the Christ to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world. And so believe the good news for you again this day. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are created to be those who dream and those who wake up in grace and freedom. Hallelujah and Amen.

Passing of the Peace Liturgy

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Listen To God's Word

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

Anthem

“Those Who Dream”

The Many

Children’s Sermon

Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware; keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Sermon

“Day Dreams”

The Rev. Sammie Evans

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

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Offertory *"Prélude pour M. Ré-dièze et Mlle Mi-bémol" Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)*
arr. by Benjamin Righetti

Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord'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 forever. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

Closing Hymn #289 *"O God of Every Nation"*

O God of Every Nation

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Welsh folk melody
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

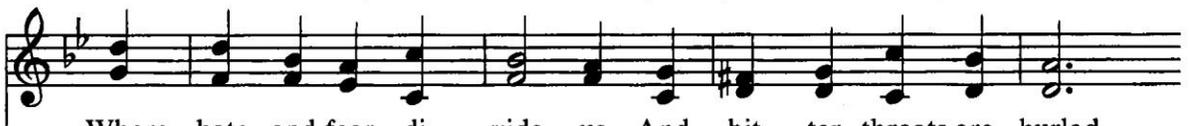
William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972



1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,



Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign



In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.



Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Suite 3, No. 3: Je me suis levé”

Michel Corrette (1707-1795)

from *Nouveau Livre de noëls pour le Clavecin ou l'Orgue* (1741)

Performed on “Giubiasco” Hauptwerk organ. *The Giubiascoorgan* (2008)
at Santa Maria Assunta di Giubiasco church (12th c.), Giubiasco, Switzerland

ASL Interpreter ~ Hannah Pahl

Zoom Worship Coordinator ~ The Rev. Sammie Evans

Coordinates the logistics of the worship participants, via Zoom controls.

Backup ~ The Rev. Irene Pak Lee

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Announcements

Youth Group Zoom Meeting – Tonight Sun, Nov 29th (5-6pm) all 6th-12th graders are welcomed to join Irene on Zoom! Questions? Contact Rev. Irene (irene_pak@stonechurch.org)

Join Youth Group Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4645348883	One tap mobile +16699006833,,4645348883# US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 464 534 8883	

Advent Poem & Prayer - Please join Rev. Irene Pak Lee every Monday at noon on Facebook Live for a poem and prayer during the season of Advent. The first will be on **Mon, Nov 30th** at noon. You can find us at www.facebook.com/stonechurchwg. If you're not on Facebook, you can still access it by going to this link and scrolling down. It will be saved on the page for later viewing as well. A copy of the devotional is available in the November Update and the Weekly Update.

Taizé During Advent - Join us on **Tuesday evenings December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd** on Zoom for this contemplative Taizé services. Prelude music beginning at 6:35 pm; the service begins at 6:45 pm and ends at 7:30 pm. Keep a cross of any kind and a candle ready to use as the service progresses. Check out our website for Zoom link information.

Pledge Envelopes, for those that had envelopes last year (monthly and weekly pledges), will be available for pick up in the office on **Fri, Dec 4th** (10-noon), **or Sat, Dec 5th** (10 – 11am). After that the envelopes will be available in the office workroom. If you have not had envelopes in the past and would like them for 2021, or if you've had them in the past and no longer want envelopes, email office_manager@stonechurch.org to let Jennifer know.

Memorials – Everyone is invited to **Werner Kroeker’s** Zoom memorial **this Sat, Dec. 5th** (9 am). Then on **Fri, Dec 11th** (2pm) we will hold **Sally & Pat Magee’s** zoom memorial. Please join us as we celebrate the lives of these wonderful people.

<p>Join Zoom Memorial https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82329595896</p> <p>Meeting ID: 823 2959 5896 One tap mobile +14086380968,,82329595896# US (San Jose) +16699006833,,82329595896# US (San Jose)</p>	<p>Dial by your location +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)</p> <p>Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdC7mkCTRH</p>
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Adult Ed next week, Dec 6th. Many places in scripture we read, “Fear Not!” God, Jesus and Angels use this phrase in different ways...as a greeting, an assurance from Jesus, and throughout the Psalms. As we prepare for Mary’s encounter with the angel and the shepherds too, let’s discuss Fear Not as it was then and how we can incorporate it into our lives now. Join Rev. LeClaire on Zoom next Sunday; handouts are available in the Weekly Update and the November Monthly Office Update.

<p>Join Adult Ed Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149203168?pwd=cWFuUzJ6aytJSnptV0ErcitGYUFKZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 851 4920 3168 Passcode: stone</p> <p>One tap mobile +14086380968,,85149203168# US (San Jose) +16699006833,,85149203168# US (San Jose)</p>	<p>Dial by your location +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)</p> <p>Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcKqL54Ade</p>
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Shelter in Place Drop-in Group will meet twice monthly, this month the meetings are **Wed, Dec 9th** (1pm) ~ note time change only for this meeting ~ **and Wed, Dec 23rd** (10am). This group, offered by Kathleen O’Brien, is to give people support during this difficult pandemic time. Many people felt isolated and frustrated with the limitations on life and needed some way to connect with others. As the name implies, this is a drop-in group, you don’t need to zoom every meeting, just when you feel the need. For the meeting link, please contact Kathleen (Kathleenobrien2004@gmail.com, 408-499-9275).

Sacred Heart Community Service is seeking community support for its [holiday program](#); this link will fill you in on all the ways you can get involved. Feel free to contact [Todd Davidson](#) (StoneWorks Chair) with any questions.

Holiday Fundraiser for Local Families Impacted by the Pandemic is Underway. StoneWorks is hoping to raise money to help families in Willow Glen and downtown San Jose whose pandemic-related job losses have brought them to the brink of financial disaster and hopelessness. We’ve partnered with Sacred Heart to help provide food, one-time rental assistance and gift cards to the over 500 families who now depend on Sacred Heart every week. Let’s pitch in – and ask your friends to help too. Send them the URL below, text them, post on Facebook and Twitter – and help make this a community effort. Donate and share here: <https://donate.sacredheartcs.org/stonechurch>

Peace & Justice Working Group of the San Jose Presbytery works with 40+ churches in our presbytery on a wide variety of social justice issues, including climate change, immigration, racism, homelessness, hunger and criminal justice. Follow the PJWG on [Facebook](#) and get updates on future education/action opportunities.

2020 In-Kind Donation Receipts are due this week. In-kind donations are goods/items rather than money (or cash) that are given to the church, such as food or supplies to be used for the church or an event: church workday, choir retreat, youth group, office supplies, etc. Turn receipts in soon so they will appear on your year-end giving tax statement. Itemized summary, receipts, name of program/event supported, and your name are required. If you have questions, contact Jennifer (office_manager@stonechurch.org).

Solace in the Psalms – People say how 2020 has been extraordinary and It seems whatever we say it is true. Rev. Sharon Le Claire invites you to spend some time in the morning and evening with her book, “Psalms for People Like Us: a Twice Daily Devotional for Those with Mental Health Challenges.” Each entry includes a Psalm and some of the sections are Hope, Trust, Mercy, Forgiveness and more. It is not necessary to be dealing with mental health challenges in order to benefit from reading the Psalms in this book. Contact Rev. Sharon LeClaire (Sharon.i.leclaire@gmail.com).

Two Christmas Eve Services - Our **early service** will be at its regular time of **5:30 pm** and will feature the Christmas story. Mary Jo is looking for families that would like to join in on the 5:30 Christmas Eve worship service; she is putting together a video of the Christmas story. Each family group has a part that will be taped and added to the service. Please contact her if you are interested (maryjo_blazek@stonechurch.org)

Our late service will start at 9 pm (note the time change) and will be a more traditional worship service. Both services will be on Zoom; the Worship link will be on our [website](#).

The November Office Update was emailed last Wednesday, if you would like to receive email updates and the Weekly update, please email office_manager@stonechurch.org and let Jennifer know you'd like to be added to our mailing list.



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