

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, Comfort-bringing God, for into this troubled world you break forth with the Healer. Though we choose to embrace the darkness of sin, still you come to us with good news of your love and healing. When we forget the good way of your truth, you remember us and look upon us with favor by sending prophets, unexpected angels and even your own Child Jesus. Therefore with Mary and Elizabeth and all the other hosts of heaven we stand in awe before you to join their chorus of praise:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and hope, heaven and earth are full of your glory and love. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: At just the right time you came among us, as a child with healing and comfort in his wings. In fulfillment of your promises, you laid the Redeemer in a feeding trough. In Jesus, born of Mary, you filled the hungry and broken with good things. As the lamb you were nailed upon a cross, then raised up upon your throne of resurrection triumph over death. You lead all who follow you with faith's song throughout the ages:

**P: We remember Christ's death; We remember Christ's resurrection; We remember Christ will come again in glory.**

L: We give you thanks, O Holy Spirit, For making life hope-full with possibility. Come now to overshadow us with your healing power that in the breaking of this bread and in the drinking of this cup we may recognize your presence with a joyful "Thanks." God of Wholeness, let your Holy Spirit move in power and love over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine. By our sharing of them may we experience the mystery of the true communion of the body and blood of Christ, and may we be strengthened to carry his healing to all who are in need.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**"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. 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."**

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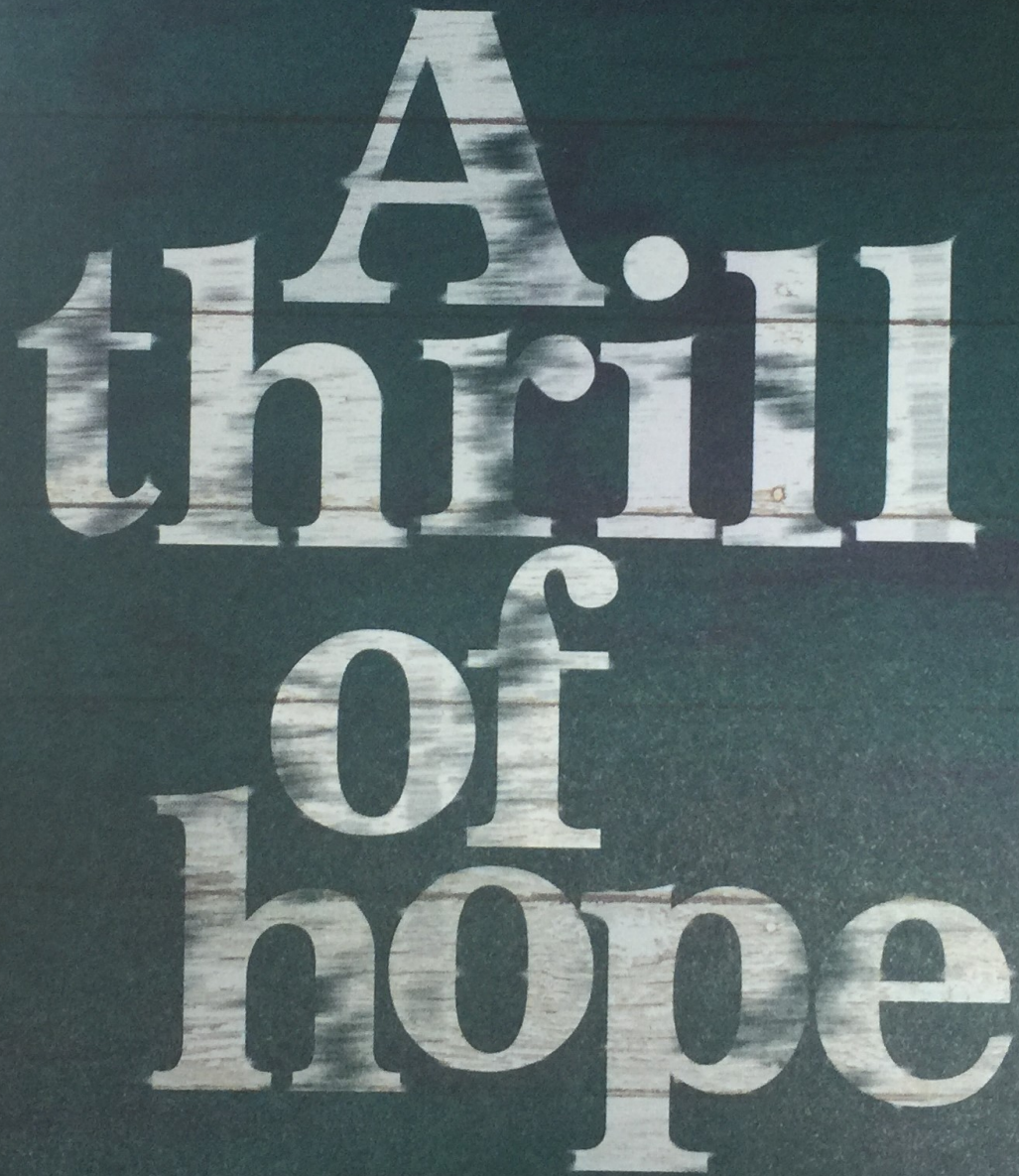
On the night he was arrested, while they were eating, Jesus reached over, took some bread, gave thanks to God. Then he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and told them "Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Do this remembering me and my example."

In the same way he took the cup from the table, and said, "This cup I have here is the new covenant, new hope, which will be sealed in my blood, which I will shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Jesus tells us boldly: "I am the bread of life. If any of you come to me, you won't be hungry; if any of you believe in me, you will never be thirsty."

Friends, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes – and you experience the grace of God.

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Bread  
of  
Hope

**Welcome to Ogden Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, December 3, 2017 — 1st Sunday of Advent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMES “German Echo Carol”  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
GREETING EACH OTHER

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE “Jubilate Deo”  
Lighting of the Candles

~Handel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Brothers and Sisters, in anticipation we gather.

**P: With hope-filled expectation we wait.**

L: We gather to prepare for the coming of the Good News into our world and into our lives.

**P: We wait to see the fullness of God’s vision and comfort.**

L: And as we wait how do we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus?

**P: With singing and praying, with praising and with God’s word.**

L: And what story will we tell this Advent?

**P: We shall tell of God coming to us as Comforter in Jesus, Emmanuel.**

L: O God, open the doors to our hearts, that we may have room for the birth of Jesus.

**P: O Come, O Come Emmanuel!**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

L: Holy God, as we begin our Advent journey, grant us courage to Hope.

**P: Strengthen us as we hope for your presence,**

L: Bless us as we hope for your comfort,

**P: Fill us as we hope for your promise,**

L: Encourage us as we hope for your kingdom.

**P: We are a people of Hope.**

L: Let us prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

**P: Let us prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord!**

**\*HYMN #8 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent, your coming. We no longer hope for miracles; we have forgotten how to persevere in prayer. We have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, Holy One of Israel. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, so that we too may journey, prepared to find the good news of a child born for us. In the quiet of our hearts we ask you to make us ready for his coming.**

(silence is observed for reflection and prayer)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: The good news of Advent involves forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us prepare and commit our lives to Christ’s way of Hope.

**P: Thanks be to you, the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and to be loved. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 13:22-37

p. 826

Isaiah 63:7-14; 64:1-9

p. 605

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “O Come, O Come”

Rev. Tedd Pullano

\*HYMN #9 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Ding Dong Merrily On High”

~Bell Choir

\*DOXOLOGY #592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God, fulfiller of promises, we come to this season of Advent with longing, expectant and thankful hearts. We welcome the renewed promise of your hope and love, breaking into our world. We offer these gifts and the witness of our lives, in gratitude for all you have done, are doing, and will do. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

BELL CHOIR “Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake.

Children shall partake of the elements under their parents’ guidance.)

\*INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

L: This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**P: Someday people will come from all corners to sit with the Comforter at the table in the household of God.**

\*HYMN #516 “Lord, We Have Come” v.1

\*THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: May God the Creator, God the Redeemer, God the Healer be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Peace be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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