

On the road to readiness

Call to worship

Adapted from Isaiah 64:1, 6, 9; Psalm 80:3

Leader: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence.

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Do not remember our iniquity forever.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Lighting of Advent candle – We are on the road to Readiness. What does readiness look like? How might we prepare ourselves to receive the One sent to save us? May our heart's desire be to make space to receive the gift God has sent. We Light a Candle for Hope

Song

Confession and words of assurance

Adapted from Isaiah 64:5-6, 8-9; Psalm 80:3

Leader: Is there any hope for us? Can we be saved?

People: All of us are unclean. Our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Leader: Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord;
Do not remember our sins forever.
Look upon us, we pray.

**People: O Lord, you are our Father.
We are the clay, and you are our potter.
We are all the work of your hand.**

Leader: Forgive our sins.

**All: No ear has heard, no eye has seen a God like you,
who works for those who wait for him.
Mold us and make us into vessels you can use.
Restore us, O God. Make your face shine upon us,
that we may be saved.**

Song

Children's time

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:26-27, 32-37

The day and hour unknown – Monologue based on Mark 13:24-37

Sermon - *I'm Ready: Waiting for What is to Come*

Song

Sharing/Pastoral Prayer

Song – Offering reflections

Announcements - Consider writing reflections to share in a WS Advent Devotional - Contact Ellen Davis Zehr

Benediction

People of God, people on the road: keep alert; keep awake!

Jesus comes to teach us, to restore us, to give vision of love and truth.

We are ready. Come Lord Jesus, Come! Live in the hope of the Lord!

Participants:

Worship Leader - Dale Bachman

Music - Phil and Pam Kaufmann

Children's Time - Boo Graham

Monologue - Elaine Good

Sermon - Cal Zehr