

Willow Springs Sunday Worship Nov. 27, 2022 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Focus - We need restoration, awaiting Christ's coming in our time just as the world waited before the first incarnation. In anticipation, we are to live as restored people.

Welcome and Call to worship – April Zehr

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel;

you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim,
we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

**People: Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people,
that we may see you clearly.
Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

**People: Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved,
made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**

All: We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.

Candle-lighting

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: The night is far gone, the day is near.

Processional of candle and Sing "O Come, O Come, Immanuel," verses 1 and 6.

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Songs – Here I Am to Worship VT#227

We praise thee O God VT#91

Children's time – Connie Kauffman, Beth Gerig

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:42-44, Romans 13:11-14

Sermon: *Restoration Hope in the Mountain of God*

Song: *Mountain of God* VT#11

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times "Lord, in your mercy" respond with "hear our prayer."

Offering Song *I know not why God's wondrous* VT#590

Announcements Advent begins today. Let's plan to decorate the sanctuary following worship.

Today – **Simon’s Birthday celebration:** All are invited as Dennis, Ellen and Anna will be hosting a birthday party for Simon. It is a carry-in meal at noon followed by visiting until 3:00.

Sending May you go out in hope, waiting and watching and living for the day of the Lord to draw near.

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

Masks are encouraged but no longer required in our building. If you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join by Zoom. Thank you for your consideration of others.

Isaiah 2:1-5 The Mountain of the Lord

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,

the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,

nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵Come, descendants of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Matthew 24:37-44 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴²“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Romans 13:11-14 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.