

December 27, 2020

9:30AM

First Sunday After Christmas Day

Believe This: The Time Has Come



Scottsdale United Methodist Church

...becoming a Christ-led community.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

GREETING

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

As we enter into worship, we enter a holy time and place. Let us focus our attention, our spirits and our selves on God to receive God's message of Good News.

OPENING

OPENING THEME MUSIC: "I Believe"

by Mark Miller

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OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we have caught
throughout this season of Advent and Christmas
of your gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace.
Even in the midst of fear,
of challenge, of struggle—
even when we have not been sure of tomorrow,
you have ignited the Light within us,
People: **... and we have glowed with its brilliance
from the inside out.**

[Sing in unison]
**I believe in the sun,
I believe in the sun,
even when...even when...
it's not shining.**

Leader: Help us continue to proclaim far and wide
that the time has come for light to be among all people.

All: **Amen**

HYMN: "The First Noel"

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THE PEACE: *Take a moment to waive at those around you. For those worshipping at home, offer up a prayer of peace for someone you wish could be with you.*

WE PROCLAIM

We hear and receive God's word of hope proclaimed.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:10, 62:3

THE WITNESS OF MUSIC: God Has Work for Us to Do by Mark Miller

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-40

MESSAGE The Time Has Come Rev. Ann Lyter

WE RESPOND

We respond to God's message of hope and Gods' call on our lives.

LITANY OF BELIEF

Leader: I believe that we have failed to see Christ AND

People: **I believe that we can wake up and serve him by serving others.**

Leader: I believe that we have waited for someone else to rescue us AND

People: I believe that we can be the change we want to see.
Leader: I believe that we have hidden the light for too long AND
People: I believe that the light can shine whenever we open ourselves to be Christ's presence in the world.
Leader: We believe, even when we are discouraged.
People: We believe, that when we are discouraged,
raising our voices for justice will offer
more hope
more love
more joy
more peace
and more light! Amen!

PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS

Music for Prayer: "Stillness"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT/OPPORTUNITIES TO "FILL THE NIGHT" WITH MUSIC AND LIGHT

DEDICATION OF ADVENT BOXES

DOXOLOGY: "Believe" (to the tune for Give Thanks TFWS #2036)
Believe, with a grateful heart!
Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what our God has done for us."
Believe!

GO FORTH

We take the message of hope into the world

HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FILM FESTIVAL (Documentaries)

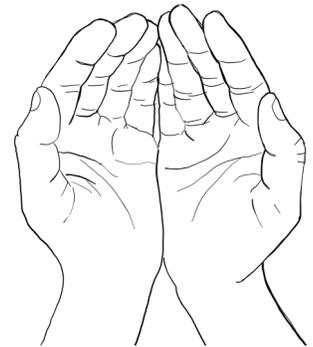
In addition to our worship, we will gather one last time for our a Film Festival focusing on music that brings hope even in the worst of times. We will be discussing “The Singing Revolution”. Available on Vimeo On Demand or on Amazon Prime Video for \$3.99. We will gather by Zoom on 12/30 at 7 pm to discuss the movie and share in fellowship. Please watch the movie before the planned discussion. To receive a copy of the Zoom link email Pastor Ann at pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Bring your Advent collections to the church from 12/27-1/10/2021 and we will make sure everything gets to the Justa Center. Even if you don't collect everything, whatever you collect will be a help.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES FOR JANUARY: “God Is Holding Your Life”

“The works of God’s hands are faithful and just.” - Psalm 111 Life is a series of exclamations from “O No!” to “Help!” to “Oh Yeah!” We can swing between disappointment, helplessness, and gratitude on a daily basis. There are also seasons of our lives when we feel inundated with more of one than the others. As we enter the new year, we had hoped we would be past the “O No!” of the last several months. Instead we find ourselves with ongoing prayers for “Help!” The Book of Psalms knows all about this. Written over a span of time from exile and isolation to the rebuilding of the community, the poetry of the Psalms will accompany us in this series, reminding us that through it all, we can trust and even give our thankful “Oh Yeah!” because God is, indeed, holding our lives.



You can help shape this worship series by sharing your stories of how God has held you, where you have encountered God and felt God surround you, even in this dark time. It could be something recent, something that has grown over time, or a story from any time in your life journey with and to God. You can send your stories to pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org. Those who are willing may even have the chance to share their stories with the congregation by recording their story so it can be included in worship in your own words and voice.