**+ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**An Open and affirming congregation of the**

**United Church of Christ, Saugus, Massachusetts**

**Service of Worship & Communion Sunday, 10 a.m.**

**1st Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018**

**\*Indicates for those who are able to, please stand.**

**Bold print indicates congregational response.**

**NCH = New Century Hymnal (black cover)**

**HOP = Spiral bound cover**

*Scripture reader is Terri Leander*

*Coffee Hour Host is Karen Spencer*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT: “Silent Night”

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE: *“Peace”*

Virginia and Rick Eastman

**Prayer Response:**

**Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright**

**OPENING HYMN:**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” HOP 149**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**Leader: Peace be with you,**

**People: And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Sung Response: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” v.1**

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2, 6-7 (SP, LP)

(SP=Small print Bible; LP=Large print Bible)

**ANTHEM**

Sermon: “Light” Rev. Jenn Macy

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**Sung Response:**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to you

Make us your own, your holy people

Light for the world to see

(Chorus)

*Christ be our light, shine in our hearts*

*Shine through the darkness*

*Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today*

**OFFERTORY: “We Praise You, O God” #420 NCH**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE INVITATION:**

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up to God**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

**Sung Response (to the tune of Christ be Our Light):**

***You are our light,***

***You are our God***

***Piercing the dark night.***

***Blessed are the ones,***

***Shining their light***

***Now in your name***

**COMMUNION:**

Leader: ...And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ’s offering of salvation:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Sung Response:**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**longing for water, many still thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,**

**shared until all are fed.**

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,***

***Shine through the dark night.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

**HYMN*: “Taste and See” HOP#185***

***INTINCTION: “Let Us Break Bread Together” #330 NCH***

**GRATITUDE PRAYER (after communion):**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* NCH 276**

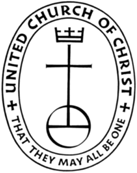
**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Rebecca Harrold

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