Until the Dawn
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SOTC Worship
November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

In God's house,
we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
In God's house,
we may come exactly as we are.
In God's house,
we dare to hope. We dream new dreams. We cry out. We call upon God.
In God's house,
all are welcome and all are heard.
So come and worship.
God is here. God is listening.
Let us worship our with-us God.

Gathering Song — The Lord is in Our Midst — Liturgy packet

Confession and Forgiveness

Worship leader invites the congregation to confession.

Holy God,
we have been known—
to bite our tongues,
to work through a broken heart,
to don our favorite rose-colored glasses.
We have been known—
to look for the bright side,
to sweep the pain under the rug,
to choose ignorance for the benefit of bliss.
We have been known to keep the hurt in our heart to ourselves.
Forgive us for filtering our honesty.

Forgive us for ignoring the power of lament.
Forgive us for not turning to you first.
Remind us that you are a God who listens
and you are a God who restores.
With open hearts, we pray. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ: whether you pray like the Psalmists—raw and unfiltered—or you can't remember the last time you were honest with God, God still loves you. God sees you. And God longs to be in relationship. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
There is nothing we could do or say that will keep God's love at bay.
We are seen, forgiven, and invited—into deeper honesty and deeper relationship. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Liturgy packet

Prayer of the Day

Word

Prayer for Illumination

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

In response to the readings:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation sings "The Lord is In Our Midst" to prepare to receive the Gospel

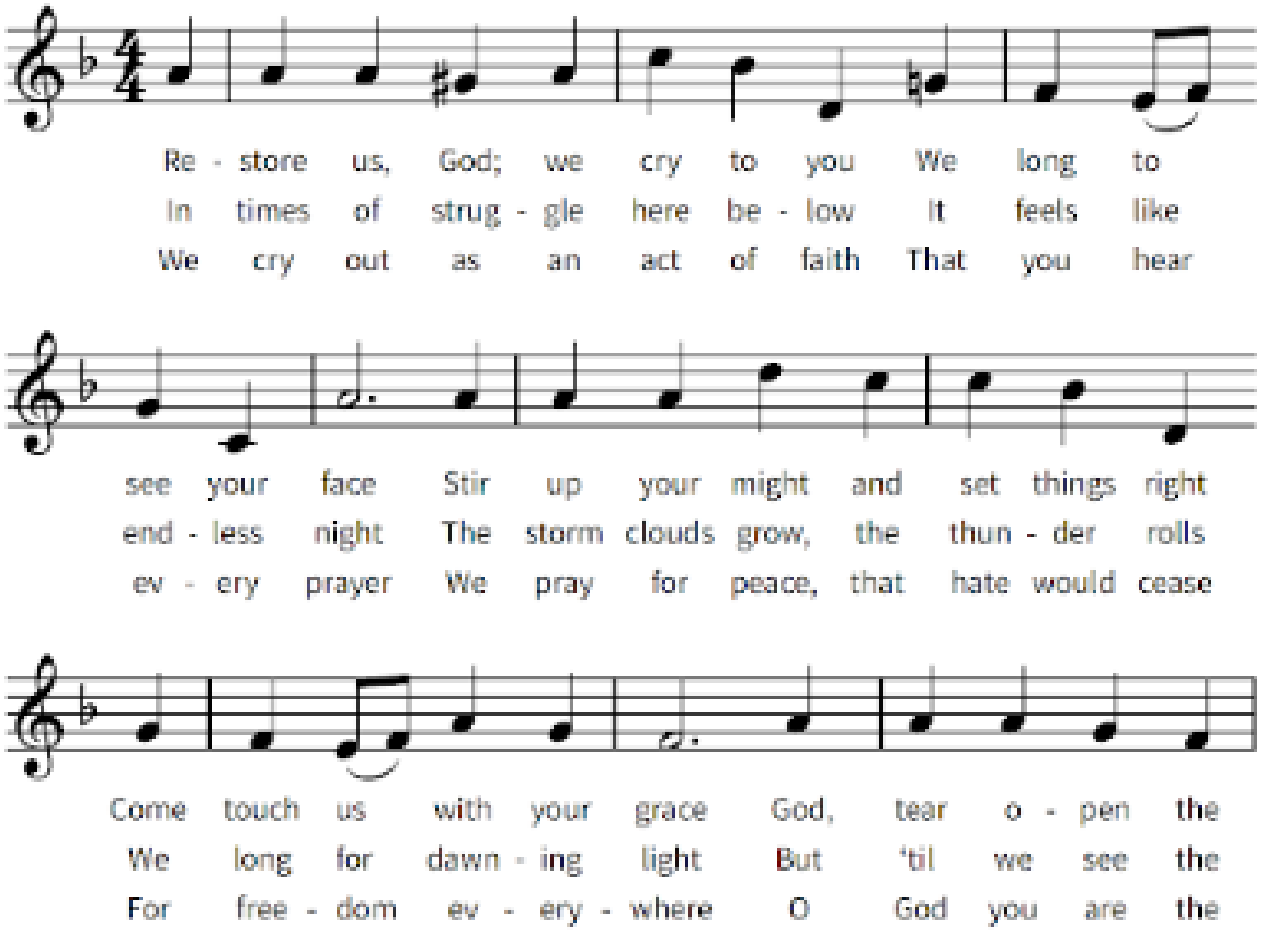
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

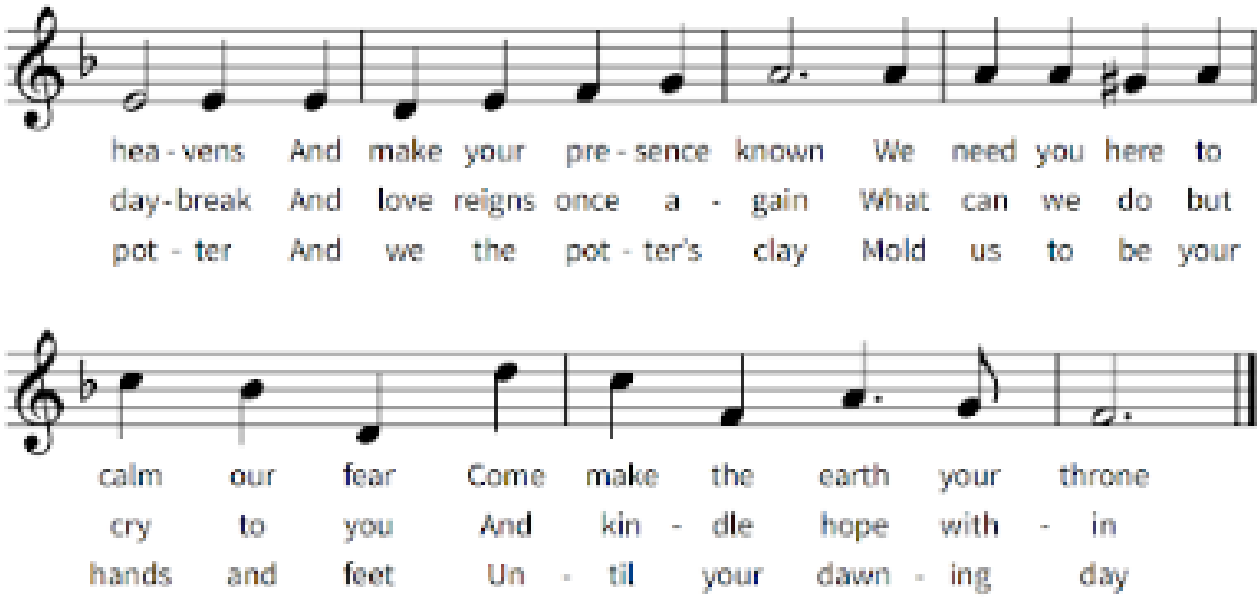
The Gospel is announced:
The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn — Restore Us, God





Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of sky and sea, of mountain and valley.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

Meal

Offering & Offering Song

Congregation sings "The Lord is In Our Midst" to prepare to receive Christ in the sacrament of communion.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Liturgy packet

Eucharistic Prayer

Amidst the Eucharistic Prayer, congregation is invited to respond to the worship leader, echoing the phrases "Come, Lord Jesus" *and* "Come, Holy Spirit."

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

Lamb of God — Liturgy packet

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song — Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers — ELW 244

Announcements

Dismissal

As you leave this place...
Go in peace, for Christ has come, and *is* coming.
Thanks be to God!

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