



*I Believe
in Hope Even When...*

“We Believe in Hope”

Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-15

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WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THRESHOLD

INTRODUCTION OF THEME SONG

I Believe

Dave Kurtz

+OPENING PRAYER AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch
of your gift of untiring hope.
Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—
even when our view is obscured by clouds of doubt,
ignite the flame of hope within us...

People: ...that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

**All: God of hope, help us face this depth of unknowing
and embrace it as a womb of rebirth.**

+GREETING

PRAISE

*All My Hope is in Jesus
Home*

Dave Kurtz

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Renay Oberholtzer

TIME OF PRAISE & PRAYER followed by OUR LITANY OF BELIEF

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our
God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Dave Kurtz

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, as John the Baptist identified the arrival of the Messiah, this Advent season, that role falls on us. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion, with more concern for those who don't have enough and little concern that those who have so much will get more. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for a new kind of kingdom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

MARK 1:1-15

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

MESSAGE

“We Believe in Hope”

Pastor Shauna

HYMN

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Dave Kurtz

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Dave Kurtz

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR	Rev. Shauna K. Ridge	WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:	
MUSIC	Dave Kurtz	DOOR GREETER	Kris Wade
LITURGIST	Renay Oberholtzer	USHER 1	Wayne Barrows
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Renay Oberholtzer	USHER 2	Pete Scotti
		TEMP TAKER	Rosemary Moore
TECH TEAM	Josh Dwyer	ATTENDANCE	Irene Farra
	Terry Moore	FLOATER	Hannah Smith
	Jamie Ridge		

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