

**Rideau Park United Church, Ottawa**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023 – Advent 1**

Gathering Music – Touch of Brass Handbells  
*In Dulci Jubilo* by Susan Rucker (arr.).

Welcome, Acknowledgement

Advent Song: (video) I was glad when they said (The Giver)

Advent Candlelighting

Prayer (ALL)

**O God, give us a hope that transforms our living and benefits the world.**  
**We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

\*Hymn: O come O Come Immanuel, tune: 1 VU  
(words adapted by Rev. Dr. Barbara K. Lundblad, used with permission)

1.

O come, O come, Immanuel  
And bless each place your people dwell.  
Melt ev'ry weapon crafted for war,  
Bring peace upon the earth forever more.  
**Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,**  
**God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.**

2.

O come, green shoot of Jesse, free  
Your people from despair and apathy;  
Forge justice for the poor and the meek,  
Grant safety for the young ones and the weak.  
**Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,**  
**God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.**

3.

O come, now living water, pour your grace  
And bring new life to ev'ry withered place;  
Speak comfort to each trembling heart:  
"Be strong! Fear not, for I will ne'er depart."  
**Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,**  
**God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.**

4.

O come, dear child of Mary, come,  
God's Word made flesh within our earthly home;

Love stir within the womb of night,  
Revenge and hatred put to flight.

**Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,  
God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-18

Anthem: *Mary, Did You Know?* by Arnold B. Sherman (arr.)  
Touch of Brass Handbells and Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:34-44

Sermon: Profound Hope

\*Hymn: 23 VU – Joy shall come

The Life and Work of the Church

\*Hymn: 457 VU – As we gather at your table

Invitation

Communion Prayer:

ONE: May God be with you

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to God.**

ONE: Let us give thanks.

**ALL: It is right to give God our thanks and praise...**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Jesus' Prayer

\*Hymn: 54 VU – Unto us a boy is born

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude