

# *Order of Service*

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 ~10:00 A.M.**

**PRELUDE:** “HE IS LORD” WITH ” “LET US ADORE HIM”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE:** BADE FAMILY

♦**PRAISE:** CELEBRATION HYMNAL #760  
“WHILE WE ARE WAITING COME”

**PRAYER**

♦**PRAISE:** HOSANNA MUSIC  
“THE DAYS OF ELIJAH”

**CONFESSION**

... THANKS BE TO GOD  
♦CELEBRATION HYMNAL #812 “GLORIA PATRI”

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** MARK 13:24-37(NIV)  
~ MARION BADE

**MESSAGE:** “KEEP WATCH”  
~ PASTOR ED CHOA

♦**HYMN:** CELEBRATION HYMNAL #357  
“THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**TITHES & OFFERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

♦**HYMN:** CELEBRATIONAL HYMNAL #413  
“BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE”

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

.... ALL GOD’S PEOPLE SAY, ALLELUIA, AMEN!

**POSTLUDE:** “GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINS”

*Pianist: Judy Lam*

*Vocalists:*

*Virgie Reyes, Elder Peter Bade, Elder Brook Mantia, Ruby Lee*

## SERMON NOTES: Keep Watch

Mark 13:5–23 (NIV) 5 Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. 9 “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. 11 Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. 12 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 13 Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 “When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 15 Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. 16 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 17 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 18 Pray that this will not take place in winter, 19 because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again. 20 “If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. 21 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

### 1. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 13:37* What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’

### 2. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 13:35* “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

### 3. The return of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 13:31* Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

### 4. Application

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