

Covenant United Methodist Church

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November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent
Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin



Those Who Dream
Sermon: Keep Awake

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Those Who Dream

The Many

“Those Who Dream” song written and recorded by The Many | Art by Lauren Wright Pittman, Hannah Garrity, & Lisle Gwynn Garrity | Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

We can see a better world.

When we close our eyes,

We can dream a better dream.

But when we open our eyes,

We begin the work of faith.

The power of worship is the same. When we enter worship,

We can see a better world.

When we enter worship,

We dream a better dream.

But when we leave worship,

We begin the work of faith.

So enter in. Dream your dream.

Find hope here.

For when we depart,

We will begin the work of faith.

Let it be so.

“Adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

Opening Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle Video

Bob and Nancy Ide

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 13:24-37

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

Solo: Anita Stonebraker Piano: Kathy Herman

Sermon

Keep Awake

Pastor Dawn

Prayer of Confession

Original Dreamer, over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, amen.

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God.

We believe that God has dreams for humanity.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.

We believe in Jesus.

We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, inviting us to be the church in the world.

We believe in dreams.

We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.

So, in this Advent season,

We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.

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Hymn

My Peace
Chancel Choir

Benediction

