

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Wake, Awake! (Wachet auf)

(Composers: Johann G. Walther and Emma Lou Diemer)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope

Hymn #56

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Tune: HYFRYDOL)

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

**When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.**

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

**But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.**

**We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.**

**We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.**

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

**Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;**

we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember our iniquity forever.

**All: Restore us, we pray, through the coming of our Lord
Jesus, in whom we place our hope and trust. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father #961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Hymn #61

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(verses 1, 3, 4, and 6)

Scripture Reading

Micah 1:1-7; 2:12-13

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Breaker Goes Before Us *Hope in Uncertainty:*

An Advent Series through the Book of Micah

Musical Reflection

People, Look East

(arr. Howard Helvey)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #57

All Earth Is Waiting

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(Composer: John Behnke)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Advent Candle Lighters	Dukes Family
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Gerri Kirby (9:30)
Prayers of the People	Wally Kelley (11:00)
	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Luke Stoner (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise Song

Hope Has a Name

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope

Praise and Prayer

Here Comes Heaven

Prayer of Confession

King of Kings / Angels We Have
Heard on High

Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Scripture Reading

Micah 1:1-7; 2:12-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Breaker Goes Before Us

Hope in Uncertainty:

An Advent Series through the Book of Micah

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Hope For Everyone

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Question

1. Have you ever read the Book of Micah before, or are you familiar with any verses from his writings? If so, which ones?

Read Micah 1:1-7

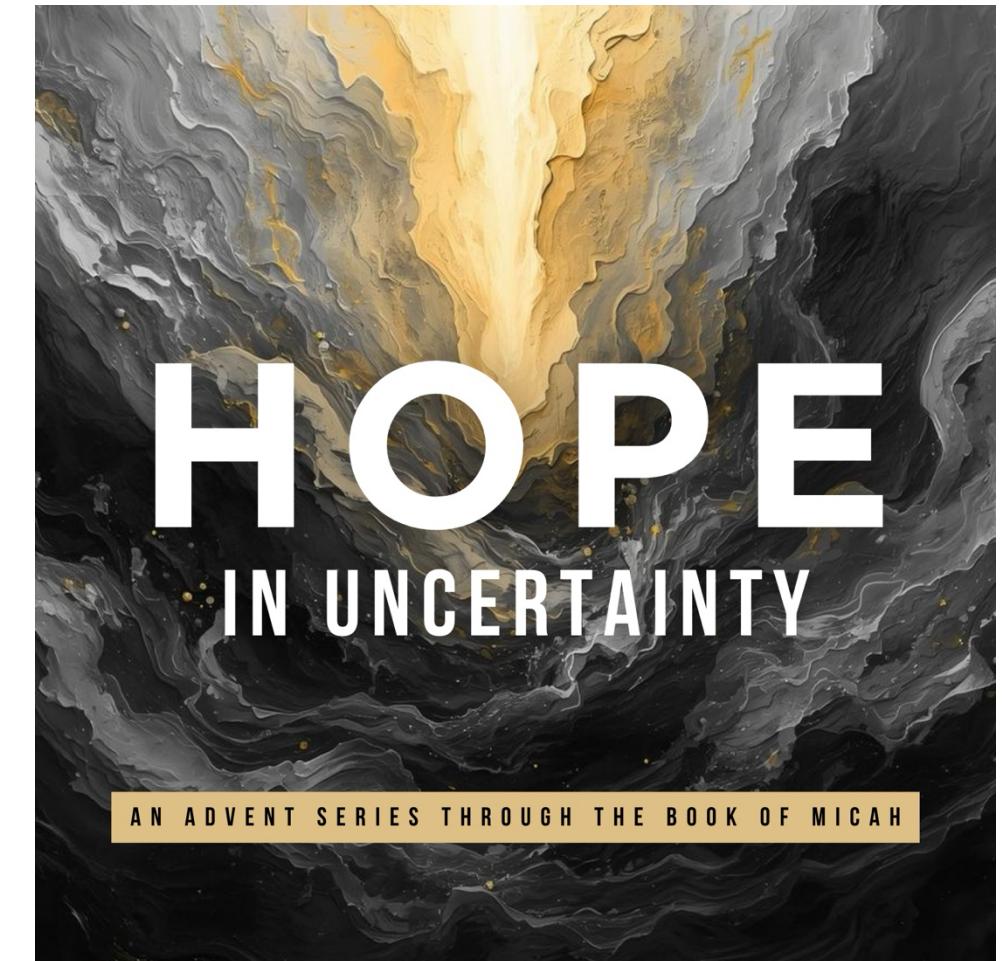
1. Who were the three kings mentioned in verse 1, and what nation did they rule? Do an internet search to learn more about them.
2. Why is it significant that Micah had a message for the capital of Judah (Jerusalem) as well as the capitol of the northern kingdom of Israel (Samaria)?
3. Who is the intended audience of the Lord's message? (v. 2) And who is the Lord making a judgment against? (v. 3-7)
4. Why was the Lord making judgment against the northern kingdom of Israel? (See Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28)

Read Micah 2:12-13

1. The northern kingdom of Israel would eventually be conquered by the Assyrians, who also captured much of Judah's territory and even laid siege to Jerusalem. In light of this, what promise does God make in chapter 2? (v.12)
2. Why is the promise of a future king good news for the people of Judah and Israel?

Application

1. How did Jesus' coming into the world fulfill this promise? Who is he king over? What powers did he defeat?
2. How does the fulfillment of this prophecy in Jesus Christ bring hope to us in the midst of pain and suffering today?



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