

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

November 30, 2025

Sunday School 9:45 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Janice Dueck
Candle Lighters: Micah Dyck, Matthaeus Dyck
Song Leader: Ann Koop Hunsberger
Storyteller: Janice Dueck
Ushers: Julia Thiessen & Joel Rempel

Speaker: Lisa Enns
Scripture Reader: Mike Neufeld
Pianist: Caroline Klassen
Technician: Mike Smith

First Advent ~ Be Amazed: Hope in the Furnace

WE GATHER

Prelude (*Please become quiet and contemplate the projected image*)

Welcome & Introductions

Land Acknowledgment

Introduction & Call to Worship

One: God of our ancestors,
you are our constant hope through all the ages.

Many: *We come eager for stories of you standing among us.
We come longing to feel your presence among your
people once again.*

One: *As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory.*

Many: *Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you.
Our allegiance is to you alone.*

One: Trust in God's steadfast love. Stand in amazement,
ready to recognize God already among us here, in this place.

All: *Our hope is in you, O God.
Fill our hearts with the courage of our ancestors.
Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.*

Prayer

Candle Lighting Litany

One: We have been wandering in the dark, fear engulfing us like
a burning furnace. We long for your hope to find us and
silence the flames of our fears.

Many: **Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.**

All: *May your hope flood the flames of our fears.*

Hymn: VT 715 *Longing for Light*

WE LISTEN

Children's Story

Hymn: VT 618 *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:19-30

Sermon: "Hope in Life's Fires"

WE RESPOND

Communion

Reflective Prayer on Offering

Hymn: VT 759 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Sharing and Prayer (*"Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer"*)

WE ARE SENT

Announcements

Hymn: VT 210 *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Benediction

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