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#196 UMH

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Message

#more hope

Jeannie Jensen

Responding in Gratitude for God's Gifts with our Offerings

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Prayer of Dedication – Erynn Dahlke

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Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

#15 UMH.

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Carol of Promise

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#240 UMH

Benediction and Sharing Blessing

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Sending Forth

Do not be afraid...

Postlude

Bulletin December 3 - 8:15 & 10:35 – Worship Guide

1st Sunday of Advent

Senior Pastor: Jeannie Jensen and Pastoral Intern: Erynn Dahlke
(10:35) Acolytes: Lanie Hamlin, Brayden Sweet and Emerson Thomas
Readers: 8:15) Henry Weiner, Charles Bradbury, Erynn Dahlke and Carol Reneau
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Prelude

Sharing Our Lives as a Community of Faith.

“Angels Among Us” (Chuck Bell)

Bringing in the Advent Candle of Hope

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But don't just look up;
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