

November 28, 2021



**Lenexa United  
Methodist Church**

## WELCOME

One: God is good...

**All: All the time!**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever.*

*Amen.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

"Hope is the thing with feathers  
that perches in the soul —  
and sings the tunes without the words —  
and never stops at all."

"Hope is like peace...  
it is a gift only we can give one another."

Friends, as we enter this Advent season,  
we come to this space familiar  
with the darkness and hungry for hope.

So today we light the candle of hope as a prayer,  
a protest, and a reminder that darkness will not win.

**All: Amen.**

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

*God of love and mercy,  
thank you for your great gift of love, Jesus Christ,  
and your promise to provide us with all that we need.*

*Merciful God, sometimes what we want  
and what we need are different things,  
and because of this and because of challenges  
that work to block out your light and hope,  
we are fully aware that not all your children  
can bask in joy or peace during this season.*

*May we be moved to greater care  
and action in your name.*

*We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ,  
who walks with us as we seek to walk with Him.*

**Amen.**