

# eleven fifty-nine

## A time to gather

We are invited to visit with one another as the space is transformed.

## Gathering music

## A welcoming word

## Candle of Joy

*Leader: So let us light candles.*

*People: Candles of joy,  
despite all sadness,*

*Leader: Candles of hope  
where despair keeps watch.*

*People: Candles of courage  
for fears ever present,*

*Leader: Candles of peace  
for tempest-tossed days,*

*People: Candles of grace  
to ease heavy burdens.*

*Leader: Candles of love  
to inspire all our living,*

*People: Candles that will burn  
all the year long.*

## A Bible sharing:

**Luke 1:26-38**

## A teaching moment

## A time for prayer

Christmas Lullaby  
from Songs for a New World

J. R. Brown

## A closing in song

## A sending



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First Congregational  
Church Hudson

**(Vs. 1) O come, O come Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.**

*(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

**(Vs. 2) O Come, O wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things mightily  
to us, the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her way to go. (Chorus)**

**(Vs. 3) O come, O come great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. (Chorus)**

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**(Chorus) God's love is everlasting,  
God's love is everlasting,  
God's love is everlasting, everlasting.**

**(Vs. 1) Give thanks for the Lord is good,  
give thanks to the God of gods,  
give thanks to the Lord of lords. (Chorus)**

**(Vs. 2) Who alone does wonderful deeds,  
who alone made the heavens in wisdom,  
who alone spread the earth on the waters. (Chorus)**

**(Vs. 3) Who alone set the great lights above,  
the sun to rule the day,  
the moon and the stars, the night. (Chorus)**

**(Vs. 4) Give thanks for freedom from fear,  
give thanks for life-giving bread,  
give thanks to the God of heaven. (Chorus)**

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**(Vs. 1) Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King (sing 3X)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, we're going to see the King**

**(Vs. 2) No more cryin' there,  
we are going to see the King...**

**(Vs. 3) No more dyin' there,  
we are going to see the King...**

**(Vs. 4) Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King...**

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Peter Wiley, Senior Pastor  
Jeanette Brodersen, Associate Pastor  
Steve Hockstra, Associate Pastor  
Tom Scott, Director of Music Ministries  
Chelsea Selvaggio, vocals  
Brian King, electric bass  
Ed Davis, drums  
Jon Hedges, guitar  
revoice  
Teen Band

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**Wherever you are on your  
journey... you are welcome here.**