

**Wednesday, December 6**

**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 6:13-20

**Text for Today:** *We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...* Hebrews 6:19

God's messenger of hope comes, not as a king, but as a child born to a poor family.

God's messenger of hope cares less about how beautifully we sing, and more about the depth of the song in our heart.

God's messenger of hope cares less about the eloquence of our public prayers, and more about the sincerity of the prayer in our heart.

God's message of hope is not about moving mountains, but about moving hearts.

God's message of hope is earth-shaking – but peaceful and still.

The most beautiful sound of hope is not a trumpet blast, but a whisper – and it's planted by the creator in every human soul.

“The word which God has written on the brow of every man is hope.”  
-Victor Hugo

*Soft as the voice of an angel,  
Breathing a lesson unheard,  
Hope with a gentle persuasion  
Whispers her comforting word:  
Wait till the darkness is over,  
Wait till the tempest is done,  
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow,  
After the shower is gone.*

*Whispering hope, oh how welcome thy voice,  
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*

Words & Music: Septimus Winner, 1868

**Prayer:** Oh God, as we join in the joyful noise of the Christmas season, we want to pause to let the whispered message of hope sink into the silence of our hearts. We know that you have big hopes and dreams for each of us, and we thank you for the seeds of hope that you've planted in us. Thank you also for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which helps us to nurture our seeds of hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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