



## WORDS FOR WORSHIP

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### GENERAL *WHAT CAN'T WAIT?* LITURGY

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What can't wait?

**All: Hope for a better day.**

One: What can't wait?

**All: Peace and repentance, among and within us.**

One: What can't wait?

**All: Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.**

One: What can't wait?

**All: Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, and love for creation.**

One: God is waiting, and God is ready.

**All: Starting here and now—let us worship Holy God. Amen.**

*First Week of Advent*

## **GOD'S PROMISED DAY CAN'T WAIT** (HOPE CAN'T WAIT)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hope is gravity for the broken—

**All: Pulling us up.**

One: Hope is manna in the wilderness

**All: When we want to give up.**

One: Hope is seeing stars in the city

**All: When we forget the sky is there.**

One: Hope is the anthem of faith

**All: And the reason we're here.**

One: So come to this place with your hopes and your fears,

**All: For the God of new life is drawing near.**

One: Let us worship Holy God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**You paint a picture of a better world—**

**A world of peace and joy, of equality and grace.**

**But we turn our heads and close our eyes,**

**Afraid that you might want us to help.**

**You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent.**

**You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet.**

**You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts.**

**You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines.**

**Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress.**

**Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go.**

**Gratefully we pray, Amen.**