

December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve

All is Well?

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

For nothing will be impossible with God. (Luke 1:37)

On the day I received the invitation to write this devotional and saw that it was for Christmas Eve, my mind jumped to my first Christmas play as a young teenager. A man walked across to the pulpit, waving a lantern and proclaiming, “Christmas Eve and all is well.”

This morning I had just read of another killing in a hate crime, and I proclaimed, “Christmas Eve, and all is *not* well.” In a world filled with hate and violence, we need a time “when all is well.”

Then I read this very familiar passage and reminded myself of the hope that the birth of a tiny child brought into our world.

A hope that still lives through the hate and violence that is so prevalent in today’s world.

A hope that brings peace and love to troubled hearts.

A hope that changes the lives of men and women who seek to know more of this tiny child.

In the midst of all our darkness, Jesus is the light. In the midst of all our war and conflicts, Jesus is peace. In the midst of all our depressions, Jesus is our hope.

So, Christmas Eve and all is not well, but a lot is well. All over our Conference and all over our world are those who strive for that day when peace and love are not strangers to any. So let us celebrate the birth of the Christ Child who brings us hope and peace and makes the impossible possible. Merry Christmas Eve.

Prayer: *God, Thank you for the gift of your Son, the hope for the world. May our hearts stay ready for His gifts of love and hope. Let us never forget that we can do all things through your love for us. Amen*

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