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## HOPE: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**READER ONE:** When I see those who are hungry in cities where food is thrown away,

**READER TWO:** When I see African Americans infected and dying at higher rates than others from COVID-19, cancer, other diseases, and violence,

**READER THREE:** When I see Church members refusing to watch their own virtual worship services and missing the wave of evangelism emerging through this new paradigm.

**ALL READERS:** I light a candle of hope knowing in all these things, hope does not disappoint us. We must be not afraid, dare to hope.