



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A way through PEACE

December 8, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF PEACE

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

REFLECTIVE CALL TO PEACE

Sallie Page-Goertz and Abigail Grittman

The poet and prophet Jeremiah accused the people of God of carelessly treating wounds saying, “Peace, peace,” when there was no peace. (Jeremiah 6:14) Thousands of centuries later, poet Maya Angelou wrote this: “Each of you a bordered country, delicate and strangely made proud, yet thrusting perpetually under siege. Your armed struggles for profit have left collars of waste upon my shore, currents of debris upon my breast. Yet, today I call you to my riverside, if you will study war no more. Come, clad in peace and I will sing the songs the Creator gave to me when I and the tree and stone were one.”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Creator of the Stars of Night

Kenton Kaufman, solo

Questions for reflection, as the light is brought in:

Where do you hear “Peace, Peace,” where there is no peace? What “currents of debris” weigh heavy today? Are we listening for the songs of the Creator?

WELCOME

Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

*HYMN #178

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

LISTENING FOR AND LEARNING ABOUT PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Neher

SUNG RESPONSE:

5 Light one can-dle for peace peace that the whole world needs.

Light one can-dle for peace peace that the Sav-ior will bring.

ANTHEM

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

Schalk

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

A way through to peace

*HYMN SS #26 and HWB #215

Helpless and hungry/What child is this

Helpless and hungry, v. 1, followed by What child is this, v. 1;

Both sung simultaneously on vs. 2 and 3

RESPONDING AND SHARING IN PEACE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Rainbow Room), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

GOING INTO THE WORLD WITH PEACE

*HYMN #184

Hark! The glad sound!

Please remain standing for the Sending Prayer and Postlude.

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

*You may stand.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “SS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

Anthem text:

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.
O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright,
till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour before the silv’ring skies,
we long to see your day arise, whole and wise,
O lucent Morning Star.

As the moon reflects the sun until the night’s decrease,
may we your healing light release, living peace,
unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev’ry guest,
that through us stream your holiness, bright and blest,
come dawn, O Sun of grace.

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