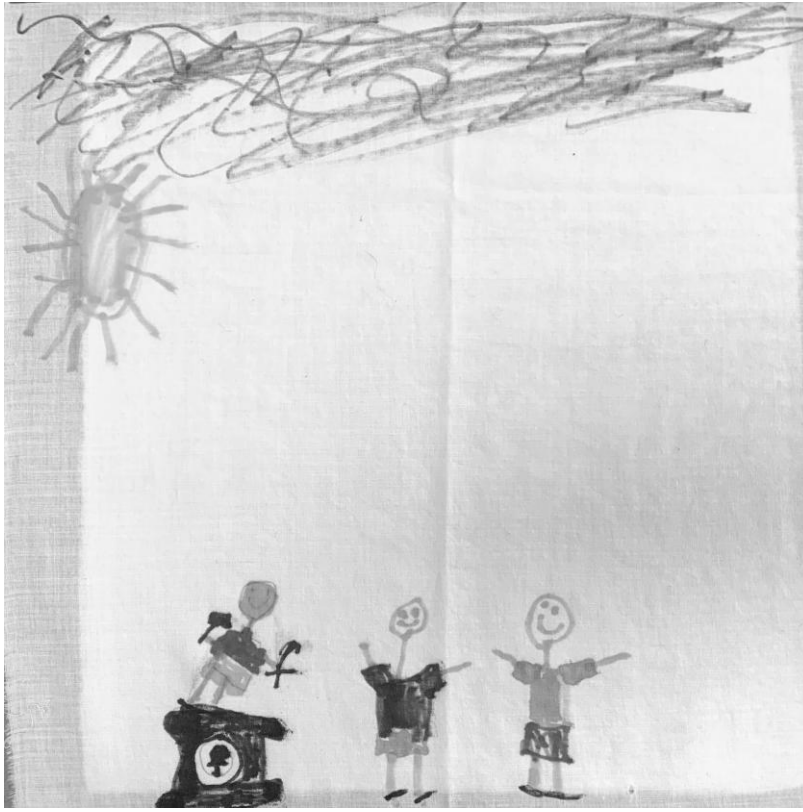


ADVENT 2
December 8, 2024



Stone Waltner

*Crying out hope, **peace**, joy, and love in the (be)wilderness*

Peace / Shalom / Paz / Salaam

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Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

CALL TO ADVENT: A VOICE OF **PEACE** CRIES OUT

Isaiah 40:3-5, 28 retold

Ruth Harder & Lonnie Buerge

LIGHTING CANDLES OF PEACE

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Our light sculpture at the front was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas. This year we will light a different section for each Sunday of Advent. Today's lights are for **peace**.

Light a candle of peace, light a candle of love | Light a candle that shines, all around the world
Light a candle for me, light a candle for you | That our wish for world peace will one day come true.
Sing peace around the world

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Pastor Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 220 *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called*

WE YEARN FOR PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

MUSICAL SHARING

For Us A Child is Born
Rainbow Choir and Ensemble

Johann Kuhnau

WE SHARE PEACE WITHIN THE (BE)WILDERNESS

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

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

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH PEACE

*HYMN VT 223

Bless 'd be the God of Israel

*SENDING FORTH

One: The Lord gives *peace* to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

All: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Soloists: Polly Carlson, Doug Bartel, Vicky Kaufman

Instrumental Ensemble:

Violin: Ella Wiebe, Kate Wiebe, Jennifer Benner, Nicole Benyo

Viola: Emma Janzen

Cello: Jonathan Wiebe

Flute: Charles Jesup, Arri Janzen

Oboe: Robin Onikul, Isabella Currie

Harpichord and rehearsal accompanist: Janelle Arnett Campbell

Conductor: Rosi Penner Kaufman

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For Us a Child is Born, BWV 142: text originally in German by Erdmann Neumeister, music attributed to Johann Kuhnau.

1. Instrumental Sinfonia

2. Chorus

For us a Child is born
A Son to us is given.

3. Solo for Alto

So appears Thy natal day
My Redeemer, hear, O hear me,
I renew my holy pledge
To be steadfast, true and faithful.
In the darkness, I am lost,
For I know not how to find
What I search for, what I long for,
As a sacrifice I bring Thee
Let my heart this day be Thine,
O, my Lord, this day be Thine.

4. Chorus

Laud we the name of God most holy,
Praise we His name most holy,
Praise with a mighty anthem,
Let His name be the honor and thanks.

5. Aria for Tenor

Lord, my thanks to Thee,
Lord, I praise Thy name and fame,
Then my lot through Thy compassion
Thou hast raised in Thine own fashion,
And Thou art my saving grace.

6. Recitative for Alto

Immanuel! O give to me in Thy great
mercy
That which my faith and spirit fain
would have,
How can I tell Thee all of my poor
hearts emotion,
Which this Thy birthday wakes
within me,
O let my voice be raised so that I
may sing Thy praise.

7. Aria for Alto

Lord, I sing thy name forever,
For I am through Thee redeemed.
Nothing clouds my spirit
And my heart through Thy great
favor
Finds its bounteous strength in Thee.

8. Alleluia

Alleluia.
O praised be God.
All raise your voices, sing with
thankful voices;
Thou God today hast giv'n us joy,
Hold fast to Him and praise His
name eternal.