



2nd Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020



Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Lighting the Christ Candle, with song ~ *The Peace of the Earth*
*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you. (Repeat)*

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Advent Candle Lighting

(light a blue candle)

Today we light the second blue candle, the candle of peace.

(light a second blue candle)

We light it knowing full well that peace is hard to find, and in some places completely absent. Yet in the Season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new.

Where do you see people working for peace? (Pause to respond, silently or aloud)

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Adapted from the liturgy written by Andrew Schwartz processandfaith.org

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #1 VU (verses 1, 2 & 7)

Shining Waters Regional Council of the United Church of Canada has made available this video resource, performed by Emorie. The music and lyrics are in the **public domain**.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IPavRoMH0UEhaobNI-0IVTC1Ta_eoL9F/view

Psalm Prayer (inspired by Psalm 85)

from pages 175 - 177 in *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness*, Nan C. Merrill.

Gospel ~ Mark 1:1-8

Though his words are strong and fiery, John the Baptizer speaks of comfort. He tells the people to repent - to look at things in a new way - and to be comforted, for God's promised time of liberation is beginning.

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Minister's Message/Reflection...

Special Music ~ Dreamers composed and recorded by David Goodwin, accompanied by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin. Video link: <https://youtu.be/1FDSYBqngos>

*Hope is a seed that is waiting to blossom,
growing and seeking the sun, up above.
Filling our living with vision and value,
planted in faith and watered by love.*

(Chorus)

*We are dreamers dreaming dreams
of miracles in motion
imagining a world to build*

*where God's true message is revealed
and Love lives all a-round.*

*Hope is just happiness waiting to hap-pen.
Hope is believing that we have a friend
taking us forward and out of our darkness,
soulfully seeking the light at the end.*

(Chorus)

Prayers of the Community & The Prayer Jesus Taught

Sending Forth:

Beloved, as we wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

**let us make peace with one another,
within ourselves, and with the earth.**

Let us go as peacemakers in a wilderness world; following the way of the Prince of Peace.

We go with hope. We go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

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