

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5 2021

*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community*

***"A Place at the Table (Peace)"***  
***Second Sunday of Advent***

**Prelude**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Lighting the Affirming and the Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 Candles**

**We Open the Door**

*(Threshold Moment)*

*"Hope Waits for Us at Advent"*

(By Amanda Udis-Kessler)

*You are invited to sing when directed*

**Hope Waits for Us at Advent**

Verse 2

Amanda Udis-Kessler

D D/F# G A D D/F# G A Bm G

Peace waits for us at Ad-vent. Peace waits for us to rest. Peace waits for

6 A D Em Cmaj7 Asus A G2 D/F#

our ac-cep-tance of the truth that we are blessed. In this time of

10 Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# G A Bm

pre-par-a-tion for the work of co-cre-a-tion, for the birth-ing of a world of

15 C G D2 Em7 D/F# G G/B Bm A D

gen-tle-ness and play, Peace is born in us each day.

## **Lighting the Candle of Peace**

### **Prayer**

Holy One,  
as we await again the arrival of the one called Prince of Peace,  
we long for the peaceful waters that run deep and wide underneath all of life.  
We thank you for the glimpses we catch  
of your gift of peace on earth.  
Even in the midst of fear,  
of challenge, of struggle—  
even when we are not sure that  
goodwill among us can be found,  
ignite the flame of peace within us,  
**that we might glow with its brilliance  
from the inside out.**

### ***Everyone sings***

**Peace waits for us at Advent  
Peace waits for us to trust.  
Peace waits for our commitment  
to a land that's kind and just.  
In this time of preparation  
for the work of co-creation,  
for the birthing of a world  
that heals the ones in pain.  
Peace is born in us again!**

### **The Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

### **First Reading**

*Baruch 5: 1-5 (CEB)*

### **Opening Hymn**

People, Look East VU #9 vs.1 & 4

1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,

bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love the star is on the way.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 1:9-11

**A Story of the Innkeeper**

**Video: Children's Cottage Society – Sarah Hughes**

**Anthem**

Innkeeper      Roger Emerson

**The Celebration of Communion**

**All are welcome to the table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Holy One be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of Peace

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
.....through prophetic utterance,  
in the Spirit and through the people.

*(Tune: VU #372)*

**Now Mary sings her birthing song**

**Till every voice can sing along**

**And voices weak will rise up strong**

**Her choir is one where all belong**

In the midst of a time of despair, oppression, division, and fear,  
.....Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me."

**For deeper love we spread the bread**

**I won't be full till all are fed**

**Till every soul has home and bed**

**The rest of us can't move ahead**

Pour out your spirit on us gathered here and at home  
.....as the body of Christ, redeemed by divine love.

**We follow where the Christ has led  
To table that for all is spread  
And no one's sitting at the head  
But deeper love in wine and bread.**

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
now and forever.

### **Communion is taken**

### **Communion Anthem**

At the Table of the Lord     Joseph M. Martin

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Closing Communion Hymn   vs. 3 (Tune VU #36)**

May the bread and wine unite us  
in our quest for peace on earth.  
Where all people share their wisdom  
truth and justice shall increase.  
Come with praises, come with praises  
Celebrate the power of peace.

### **Prayers of the People**

*"Make of My Heart a Stable"*

*(Original song by Amanda Udis-Kessler)*

***Sung during the prayers***

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff begins at measure 8 and ends at measure 13. The second staff begins at measure 14 and ends at measure 18. The melody is in treble clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, C (with a triplet bracket), Am, F2, C, Dm, Em, Am7, F2, G, and C. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three lines of text for each measure.

8 C C 3 Am F2 C Dm

Make of my heart a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy  
Make of my life a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy  
Make of our church a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy

14 Em Am7 F2 G C

place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.  
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place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:  
The Jesus Prayer

**Offering**  
**Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray in the spirit of peace:

**God of peace, we offer respect and caring to all who seek  
hope, peace, and wholeness.**

**We open the inn of our hearts and live our faith through compassionate  
action.**

**This offering is an outward expression of our gratitude. It is an affirmation of  
our faith that our church 'inn' will be a safe, and sacred place that welcomes  
all; one that opens its doors to possibilities and new life.**

**Closing Carol**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear VU #44  
(Story about "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold,  
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and we at war on earth hear not  
the love-song, which they bring;  
O hush the noise and cease the strife  
and hear the angels sing!"

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

For, lo! the days are hastening on,

by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

### **Benediction**

#### **Going out VU #964**

Go now with peace, go now with hope,  
May the peace of God surround us  
Everywhere, everywhere, we may go.

### **Postlude**

#### **Worship Notes**

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