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

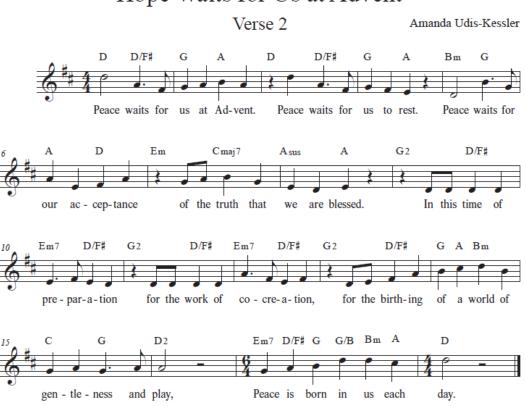
Prelude Greetings and Announcements Lighting the Affirming and the Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 Candles

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



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

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 homeas 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

Prayer after Communion

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

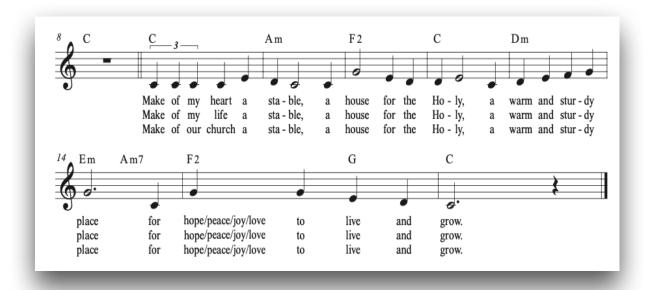
May the bread and wine unite us in our quest for peace on earth.

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**



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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