

ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER EIGHTH, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

"We know we cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war...humans must find their own path to peace..."
Adapted from Jack Reimer's *Likrat Shabbat*

PRELUDE "And He Shall Come: 2. Grant Us Peace" Don Hart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #107 New Century Hymnal "Awake and Greet the New Morn"
You may rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Underneath life's expanding shadows,

Many: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

One: On the dusty roads of life's wilderness

Many: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

One: As we near the top of mountains, rejoicing under the sunlight,

Many: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT
THE PEACE CANDLE

THE ADVENT WREATH SONG

*Light the Advent candle one.
Now the waiting has begun.
We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas day.*

*Light the Advent candle two.
Think of us, the people who
Are in need of that great light,
That will come on Christmas*

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Refrain:

*Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 778)
Luke 3:1-6 (p. 834)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREET ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

THE PRAYERS

THE MESSAGE

"Urgent Peace"

Rev. Charley

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo on "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

John S. Dixon

DOXOLOGY #778 New Century Hymnal

Old 100th

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done:

Creator, Christ and Spirit One.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #104 Pilgrim Hymnal “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Larry Shackley

Today’s service is being live streamed. Your likeness or comments may be shared.