

St. Paul's United Church

December 6th, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Peace Sunday

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

Centering Passage: *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*

-Luke 11:13

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We come today to continue on the road.

It is a journey of faith, of preparation, of Peace.

We enter into this time to be transformed.

We enter into this time to ready our hearts.

Let us open ourselves to a Peace that only Christ can bring.

Let us worship our God together.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn: There's a voice in the wilderness VU 18

Wreath Lighting Liturgy:

Holy One, in the journey of life, you are with us. Today we seek a special reminder of your presence. Today we look for ways to assist and serve others. May those we meet feel that the light of God surrounds them, and may the light of God inspire all that we do each new day. Hear us, God, as we offer our personal prayers to you in the silence of this moment.

Silent confession

Even within the deepening shadows of this season, the light of God abounds. God hears us. God hears as we share our dreams, our hopes, and our needs. God discerns our thoughts from afar, and we are thankful.

Let us not be discouraged.

Let us embrace courage and strength for the journey.

Let us give thanks to God, now and always. Amen.

Today's Scripture: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message

Peace in our Lives

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We empty ourselves and offer all that we are to you, O God, in the hopes that you might fill us with your presence, your grace, and your love. Bless what we give of ourselves, bless our very lives as we strive to bring your kingdom of peace into our lives this day. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our brother Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Go now and bring the Peace of Christ to places where chaos reigns.

With the Word we have been given we will go. We will bring grace and mercy to a world much in need of both.

Be a well of Peace in your life and the lives around you.

With the Peace of Christ born anew in us, we will share what we have with the world.

Benediction

Postlude

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