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December 3, 2023 9:30 am "Being Present With Peace"

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We Celebrate Our Presence Together: Gathering

Prelude

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" arr. Mark Hayes

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Welcome

Gathering Song

"What Can I Give Him?" What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wise One, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? I will give my heart. Words by Christina Rosetti (1830–1894) Adapted by Jean Anne Shafferman

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Becoming Present - The Advent Ritual

Liturgist: We unwrap a present on this second Sunday of Advent with great anticipation for the gift that God will reveal.

People: We open our hearts as we open the gift!

Liturgist: The promise of Peace is the Divine Gift we receive.

People: And what will we do with it?

Liturgist: The gift of Christ's peace reminds us that we can have serenity even in the midst of non-peaceful situations. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. Peace is an ever-present gift that we can open at any time when we stop, breathe, and trust that we are never alone. And the gift of peace we can give is to be present for those who feel alone.

People: We light this Candle of Peace as a sign that we will be Present with Peace in the world.

"What Can I Give Him?" (see lyrics above)

Prayer of Presence		Jeff Williams
	Holy Living Light of God, you are our Peaceful Presence. Let this peace grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Peace to others. Unwrap and open our hearts. May it be so. Amen.	
Passing the Peace		
*Opening Hymn	"Silver and Gold Have I None" Public Domain CCLI# 433504	Praise Team
	The Word Present Among Us: Proclaiming	
Children's Moment		Donna Benson
First Readings	Isaiah 40: 1-11 "Console my people, give them comfort," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem's heart, and tell it that its time of service is ended"	

A voice cries out,

Jeff Williams

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Chancel Choir

Rev. Patricia Abell

	let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valle	•	
	Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion!	,	
	Shout with a loud voice, you who bring good news to Jerusal		
	Shout without fear, and say to the towns of Judah "Here is your Go Like a shepherd you feed your flock,	0d!″	
	gathering the lambs and holding them close,		
and leading mother ewes with gentleness.			
Scripture	2 Peter 3: 8-15a and Mark 1: 1-8	Jeff Williams	
Anthem	"King of Kings"	Praise Team	
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Message	"Being Present With Peace"	Rev. Patricia Abell	
Fully Present in the Moment: Praying			
Prayer of the People, Church & World Rev. Patricia Abell			
	"Right Here, Right Now"		
	Right here and right now we open our senses to see and perceive the gifts we've been given,		
	to know and believe that what we must do		
	is open our hearts to let all gifts flow through.		
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*Doxology	"Doxology for Advent" (Tune: Veni Emmanuel)		
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures her		
	Praise God above ye heavenly host Praise Father Son and Holy G Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel	nost	
	Shall come to thee O Israel		
	Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: 15 th Century French Text and tune adapted by Dean McIntyre, The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship		
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"Clear a path through the wilderness for YHWH! Make a straight road through the desert for our God!" Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low;

*Closing Hymn

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth goodwill to men "I Heard the Bells"

2. I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth good will to men

Praise Team

3. And in despair I bowed my head There is no peace on earth I said For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth goodwill to men 4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep God is not dead nor doth he sleep The wrong shall fail the right prevail With peace on earth good will to men

5. Till ringing singing on its way The world revolved from night to day A voice a chime a chant sublime Of peace on earth goodwill to men CCLI Song # 109663 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow | John Baptiste Calkin Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

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Benediction

Postlude

"Emmanuel" arr. Mark Hayes

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Questions for Reflection

Who was a gift of presence to you this week? How did you offer yourself as a gift of presence? What could you do this coming week that would allow God's gift of Hope to flow through you to someone else?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Living Light of God, you are our Peaceful Presence. Let this peace grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Peace to others. Unwrap and open our hearts. May it be so. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me .Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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