

**December 6, 2020**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *As the Dark Awaits the Dawn /  
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way."  
So, how do we prepare our hearts,  
bodies, souls and minds?

**All We silence the inner critic.  
We let go of busy thoughts,  
We make space for God.  
We breathe in God's mercy  
We trust that even now, God is here.**

L So, prepare the way.

**All Let us worship God.**

♪ *Keyboard/Music begins as liturgy continues: Creator of the Stars of Night #245*

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: CANDLE OF PEACE

L There are all kinds of dreams, beautiful and urgent dreams.  
I dream of conversations across party lines.

**All I dream of more bridges and less walls.  
I dream of more laughter and less fear.**

L I dream of more listening and less tears.  
Most of all, I dream of peace like a river.

**All Today, we light the candle of peace.**

*Light Candle*

**All May this candle remind us  
that there is another way. Amen.**

♪ *Music Ends*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L Holy God, I wish peace was something I could buy.  
I wish that peace was as easy as a one-time choice  
when I was feeling my best.

**All Peace involves everyday decision over and over,  
whether or not I am feeling my best.**

**So today, I confess**

**that I need your help in this Advent season.**

**Prepare the way for greater peace  
and teach me how to be part of it.**

L God forgives you.  
May God's guiding arms surround you.  
May you know comfort. May you know peace.

**All Amen.**

## READING: ISAIAH 40:1-11

L Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has  
served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has  
received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

**All A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

L Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill  
be made low; the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

**All Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people  
shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

L A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

**All The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD  
blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers,  
the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.**

L Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

**All See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.**

L He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs  
in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead  
the mother sheep.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

*“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;  
<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC: Christ Be Our Light v. 2,3,1 ELW # 715

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow’r to save us,  
Make us your living voice. REFRAIN...*

REFRAIN *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. REFRAIN...*

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see. REFRAIN...*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.  
The one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence,  
who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.  
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,  
and who does not jostle for attention.**

**We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation,  
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,  
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,  
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,  
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,  
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,  
whose silence overpowered their words,  
who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens, empowers, renews, and refreshes,  
sometimes arriving with obvious power,  
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.**

**We believe in one God who patiently waits for us.  
and who longs for us to do the same. Amen**

PRAYERS — SHARING OF PEACE — OFFERING OF GIFTS

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL      Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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## **CALENDAR**

Wed/Dec 9	6:30	Confirmation Online
Thu/Dec 10	5:30	Stewardship/Zoom
Sun/Dec 13	9:00	Advent 3: <i>Those Who Dream...Sow Joy</i> (JOY)

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