

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

HOPE



December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Advent

We Covenant One With Another

Prelude

Our Great Band

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Sing Our Greeting to Each Other



All are welcome to this time and place. We especially welcome those who are visiting with us as we move through the wedgeblade season of Advent.

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near. (Sing two times)

Advent Liturgy

Led by Sans Cameron

One: We have lit three candles: for peace, for joy, for hope. Today we light the fourth candle, the candle of love. This is not the Hallmark Christmas Movie candle ... This Mother's love is instead fierce and strong, issuing marching orders and assigning challenging work. Hear anew today the charge of Mary's fight song. "God has scattered the arrogant and pulled the powerful down from their thrones. God has filled the poor with good nourishment and

sent the rich away empty. The Spirit does not fail to come to the aid of the people; God will remember the mercy promised to our ancestors: to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants.”

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the peace, joy, and hope you unfailingly offer us. Refresh our spirits by showing the creative power of love. Dust off our weariness and set our shoulders squarely. Prepare our hearts to be renewed and transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

(Our candle lighting liturgy, adapted from Jeanyne Slettom, reflects process-relational theology. We are grateful for the creative gifts of new theologians and liturgy crafters who share our values.)

Singing Our Faith Comfort, Comfort O My People
by Johannes Olearius

“Comfort, comfort O my people,
tell of peace,” thus says our God.
Comfort those whose hearts are shrouded,
mourning under sorrow’s load.
Speak unto Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them.
Tell them that their flaws I cover,
and their warfare now is over.

Being That Sensitive Part of Society

Celebrations

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Celebration Song

I feel good (echo) I feel good

I feel great (echo) I feel great

I think it's time (echo) I think it's time

To celebrate (echo) to celebrate

**Whether it's your birthday, anniversary, or you're just
having a good day**

We're glad you're here (echo) we're glad you're here

To celebrate (echo) to celebrate

We celebrate (echo) We celebrate

Your being here (echo) your being here

With being itself in history (echo) history

**No matter who, or what, or where you are on the
journey of life**

You're welcome here (echo) you're welcome here

To celebrate

We're glad you're here (echo) we're glad you're here

To celebrate

Yeah!

Word About Life

I John 4:16-21

We have come to know and to believe
in the love God has for us.

God is love,
and those who abide in love
abide in God,
and God in them.

Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear—because our relation to this world is just like Christ's. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear. To fear is to expect punishment and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love.

We love because God first loved us. If you say you love God but hate your sibling, you are a liar. For you cannot love God, whom you have not seen, if you hate your neighbor whom you have seen. If we love God, we should love our human family as well; we have this commandment from God.



Invitation to Give

Shared by Sans Cameron

Our giving is in anticipation of a world that reflects God's dream of abundance, freedom, and peace. In this season of anticipation, our offerings reflect our love for ourselves, our community, and the world.

Offering and Offertory

Away in a Manger

Our Advent offertories are "Y'all Come!" and everyone's participation is welcome.

Word About Life

Pilgrimage From Apathy to Love

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Words for Mission

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Beloveds, be strong and of good courage, that love may abound!

All: We will breathe in the movement of the Spirit; we will find consolation in love and in one another's good company. We strive to practice a ministry of humility and compassion, living lives worthy of our calling in the world.

One: Hear this Good News: God's love is at work in us and through us. These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed!

All: May we love all and serve all!

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Departing With Joy "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

1. "Hark!" the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Christ-child bring;
Peace on Earth and mercy mild,
God and sinner reconciled."
Joyful, all you saints arise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With the angel host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"



**Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the Christ-child bring!**

2. Hail the Bearer of God's peace!
Hail the Son of righteousness,
Light and life our Savior brings,
risen with radiant, healing wings.
Mildly laying glory by,
born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us all from Earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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