



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
ADVENT 2 "PEACE"
Sunday Dec. 6th, 2020**

♪ HYMN SING (HUM)

SONG LEADERS: Beth Dunne & Bryan Boothe

VU 67 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

VU 64 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

VU 44 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

WE APPROACH GOD

WELCOME: Chris Clarke

MINUTE PERSON: Darlene Laferriere and Chris Mogan

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Pam Somerville

♪CANDLE LIGHTING SONG: "Hope is a Star"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

♪HYMN: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" VU 2

BLESSING PRAYER SHAWLS

(including The Lord's Prayer)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: “Rapture Ready”

MAKING THE HOUSE READY FOR THE LORD

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice—it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances—but it is the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

~ Mary Oliver

♪**HYMN:** “O Day of God, Draw Nigh” VU 688

WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY

♪**ANTHEM:** “Come, Emmanuel, Come”

BLESSING

♪**SUNG BENEDICTION:** “See Amid the Winter Snow”
VU 76 vs. 5

♪**POSTLUDE:**

Thank you to all those who helped with today’s service!

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VU 67 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

1 Silent night! Holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace,
 sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night! Holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight:
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
 Christ the Saviour is born,
 Christ the Saviour is born,

3 Silent night! Holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from thy holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

VU 64 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
 and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep

their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

VU 44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold,
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come
 with peaceful wings unfurled;
 and still their heavenly music floats
 o'er all the weary world;
 above its sad and lowly plains
 they bend on hovering wing,
 and ever o'er its Babel sounds
 the blessed angels sing.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
 the world has suffered long;
 beneath the angel strain have rolled
 two thousand years of wrong;
 and warring humankind hears not
 the love song which they bring.
 O hush the noise and cease your strife,
 and hear the angels sing.

4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,
 by prophets seen of old,
 when with the ever-circling years
 shall come the time foretold,
 when peace shall over all the earth
 its ancient splendours fling,
 and the whole world send back the song
 which now the angels sing.

VU 7 *Hope is a Star*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth
 Giving a promise of safety and worth
 When God is a Child, there's hope in our song
 The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong
 And none shall be afraid

VU 2 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

VU 688 *O Day of God Draw Nigh*

1. O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

3. Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

4. Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

5. O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again,
and set thy judgments on the earth.

VU 76 - *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem

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