

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT
The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

10:00AM

ANTHEM Prepare the Way Old Swedish hymn
arr. Morten J. Luvaas

Prepare the way, O Zion! / Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye towering mountains, / The Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory, / Foretold in sacred story,
O blest is he that comes / In God the Father's name.
Franz Mikael Franzen (1772—1847) (stanza 1)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

Paul Manz

Comfort, comfort you my people, / Tell of peace, thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness / Bowed beneath oppression's load.

Speak you to Jerusalem / Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, / And their warfare now is over.
*-Johannes Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878),
alt. (Pilgrim Hymnal, No. 122, stanza 1)*

ADVENT HYMN 469 (blue) I Am the Light of the World
(sung by choir) (vss. 1 & 2)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *The Candle of Peace*

Cindy Garland, Steven, Becky, and Jackson Whitley

One: Today we relight the candle symbolizing hope.

Next, we light a candle to symbolize God's peace.

All: **Our hope rests in the One who will bring God's peace to the world.**

One: We may be afraid to work for peace but it is part of God's vision for all people to live together and to respect each other.

All: **Peace will overcome struggle, violence, and cruelty.**

One: Throughout Advent, this candle calls us to live in peace.

Please join us in praying:

ALL: **God of true shalom, show us how to take better care of each other. Give us the inner peace we need to bring greater forgiveness and patience to your world. Remind us that others are our sisters and brothers, and we all are created in your image. Hear our prayer. Amen.**

HYMN 115 (red) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
(sung by choir) (vss. 1 & 4)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

ALL AGES TOGETHER

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Prayer of Our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude

Doxology
(sung by choir)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON Sometimes the Message; Sometimes the Messenger
Pastor Small

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*HYMN 677 (blue) Let There Be Peace on Earth
(sung by all)

*COMMISSION

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls
us:

All: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that dwells therein.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Epilogue on "Winchester New"

Eric H. Thiman

On Jordan's bank the herald's cry / Announces that the Lord is nigh:
Come then and hearken, for he brings / Glad tidings from the King of kings.

*Latin: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876),
alt. (Pilgrim Hymnal, No. 115, stanza 1)*

*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.