



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 12/4/2022
Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude & Receiving the Light: Improvisation on “With Joy Draw Water”

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 11:1-10

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #101 “Comfort, Comfort O My People”

Lighting the Candle of Peace

*Response:

Black Hymnal #136

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"
Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
new life, new hope (peace), the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing, “Glory, glory, glory,
let the heavens ring!

Why I Give Here

Listening To the Sacred Text: Matthew 3:1-12

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.

Reflecting: “Making Peace”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Red Hymnal #752 “Dona nobis pacem”

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (New Zealand/Maori Anglican Liturgy, adapted)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father~Mother~Parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: "Imagine" John Lennon

Offering our gifts and our prayers

***Doxology** (*Tune: All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

***Sending Song:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (See special handout.)

Benediction

Postlude: Allegretto from Trio in D W. A. Mozart

****Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.***

Leading In Today's Service:

Laura Martin, Director of Music Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

John Goff, Usher

Carolyn Thompson, Liturgist

Jonathan Geer,

Piano Amy Harris, Violin

Liz Lee, Cello