

December 5, 2021  
Advent 2 - Peace

### Welcome

Gathering VU 7 Hope is a Star (vs 2)

### Candle of Hope:

For the robe of righteousness, we think certain does not fit, **we light this candle**. For the messengers and prophets encouraging us to prepare, **we light this candle**. For our tired feet exhausted by pacing up and down, back and forth, **we light this candle**. For the landscape of our lives and our world which has changed, **we light this candle**. For the things which we must leave to God, **we light this candle of peace**.

***\*We are walking a path of peace, we are walking a path of peace. We are walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home.***

### Call to Worship

We gather, longing for gentleness among all. We gather, longing for healing where there has been harm: **peace is the home we seek**. We gather, longing for generosity to inform all actions. We gather, longing for peace in all parts of life. **God is the home we seek. Come, let us worship God in a spirit of peace.**

### Opening Prayer (Based on Malachi 3:1-4)

**Holy One, we have a job to do this Advent Season. You call on us to prepare the way, as you called the prophets of old. You are doing a new thing through us. Like a refiner's fire that destroys the old so the new may shine through, refine us, give us courage to be the messengers of justice, righteousness and peace in the world. Amen**

*Hymn: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims*

### Prayers for Grace & Transformation

#### Words of Assurance

The abundance of God's grace, given to all, surprises, renews, restores and grants peace. Thanks be to God. Amen

### The Peace

#### Scripture

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### We Listen

First Testament:	Malachi 3: 1-4
Psalms	Song of Zechariah VU 900
Gospel	Luke 3: 1-6

***\*Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord! Make a straight path for him, make a straight path, prepare the way of the Lord!***

### Reflection

***Carols: Christmas past and Christmas new...  
VU 55 & 46***

### Invitation to the offering/Offertory Prayer

**Doxology: Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! (VU 37)**

### Announcements

### Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer

***\*Peace shines as the solitary star. Faith is the inner light. You and I together mirror the Light of Lights, and illumine the pathway home***

### Extinguishing the Candle

### Benediction/Commissioning

*Hymn: VU 5 All Earth Is Waiting*

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***Today we light the Candle of Peace***

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