

SouthWest United Church
December 4, 2022
Advent 2-The Candle of Peace

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VU 6 A Candle is Burning (vs 1-2)

Welcoming the Light

With this one light, we pray: O God, we place this light in this holy space as a reminder that we are on this journey together. Be light along all our paths.

Lead us to a more just world and help us to stay awake and present to your love in each ordinary day. Amen

**** I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home. (MV 221)***

Call to worship

We are all welcome in this place. Just as you are, whatever your hopes or worries, you are welcome. **Young and old, tall or small, we are part of Creator's greater vision. Let us welcome one another, just as Christ welcomes us. **Let us worship God together!****

Opening prayer

We are in this Advent journey together. Travel with us O God. Remind us that you are the light along the path leading to a more just world. Awaken our hearts to your vision of peace. Amen

Hymn: VU 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayers for Grace and Transformation/

Words of Affirmation

"Blessed is God alone who does wondrous things."

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed, and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

Exegesis/Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1–10

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 VU page 790 Parts 1 and 3

Matthew 3: 1–12

**** 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! (VU 10)***

Reflection

Hymn: MV 71 When the Wind of Winter Blows

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of peace, we give with our hearts, in whatever way we can. Bless our monetary gifts and our gifts of the heart that those places of need may find peace. Amen

Announcements

Holy Communion (see insert)

Prayers of the people/Lords Prayer

Extinguish the Candle

**** 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. (MV 220)***

Blessing

Hymn: VU 697 O for a World

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And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**

Isaiah 9: 6