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Worship Service

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Advent II: Candle of Peace Mission Sunday

Sunday, December 5th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

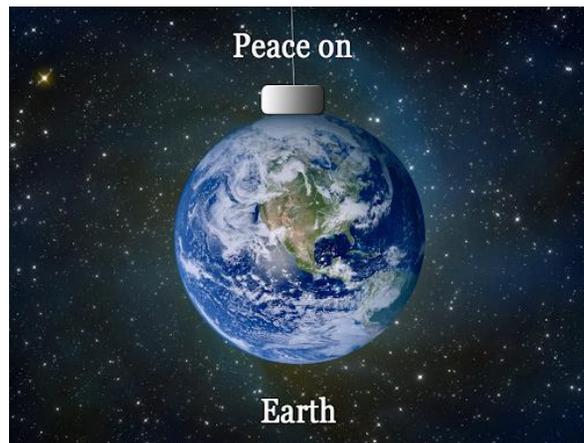
Moment of Silent Reflection:

Sincerity is being open and genuine. Our words and actions reflect a truthful heart. People can trust that we mean what we say and we say what we mean. When we are sincere, our actions come from pure intent. We give for the sake of giving. We are transparently truthful. We don't do things to impress others. We have no need to deceive or pretend to be something we are not. We know it is enough simply to be ourselves. (The Virtues Project)

"Never regret anything you have done with a sincere affection; nothing is lost that is born of the heart." Basil Rathbone

Page 2 **Praising God**

Prelude "Be Still, My Soul" Jean Sibelius
arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

Not by might,
Nor by power,
But by God's Spirit...
Peace shall embrace the earth!
May John the Baptist,
who calls us to prepare for Christ's coming...
Guide us as we follow the Advent road.
May the rebirth of Christ in our hearts,
support and encourage us as we continue our
journey to Bethlehem.
Let us worship with peace in our hearts.

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Opening Prayer (together)

God of Peace, John the Baptist came out of the wilderness calling the people to prepare the way of the Lord. We too are in the wilderness, waiting to be called out by name. Call us, O God, into a loving and fulfilling relationship with You and one another. May we hear the voice of the angels guiding us to see and experience God's love that came to us in Christ's birth. Amen.

Hymn (5) "All Earth is Waiting" vs. 1 & 3

- 1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Peace"

I. and B. Kagawa



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Candle Hymn (6) "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1,2

- 1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings
from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.
- 2 A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

Prayer for Grace (together)

God of Hope and Peace, we are waiting for Your Word to be made flesh among us. John the Baptist came to challenge us to prepare the way of Christ. Our preparations can seem difficult and overwhelming at times. Give us the wisdom and determination we need to be open to the mystery of this season. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Jesus gives us the guidance needed to live in a spirit of hope and peace. Rejoice in Christ's light. Amen.

Anthem (2019) "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" John Rutter

Hebrew Reading Psalm 145:1-17 J. Brooker
(Let us praise God forever, for God helps those who are in need.)

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6 J. Brooker
(John the Baptist proclaims that someone greater than he is coming)

Solo "When a Poor One" Olivar/Manzano
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Words of Introduction D. Domelle

Reflection "The Work of Fred Victor Centre"
Guest Speaker: A. Coroa



Words of Thanks D. Domelle

Hymn (896) "Blest Are They" vs. 1,2,4

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R**

4 Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **R**

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn (44) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs.1,2,4

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.

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- 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.

Commissioning and Benediction

Do not fear, for God is with you;
Do not be dismayed, for our God.
Will strengthen you and help you;
God will uphold you with a righteous right hand
And give you peace. (Isaiah 41:10)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Amen (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...Sing)

**In this Advent time of waiting,
May we serve the Prince of Peace.
Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
R.H. Prichard, arr. Joseph Martin

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Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

A special welcome and thank you to A. Coroa, a manager at Fred Victor Centre. Thank you for joining our Zoom service today and for telling us about the work at the Centre.

White Gift Project: On White Gift Sunday, December 19th, you are invited to give a financial contribution to support projects at the Fred Victor Centre. Fred Victor Centre is a social service charitable organization that fosters long-lasting and positive change in the lives of homeless and low-income people living across Toronto. Every day, more than 3,000 people use their programs and services. Thank you for your support!

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to I. and B. Kagawa for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scriptures. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, December 5th, Advent II, the candle of **Peace** will be lit. Our **guest speaker is A. Coroa**, Manager at Fred Victor Centre.
(Sponsored by our Community and Global Team)

Sunday, December 12th, Advent III, the candle of **Joy** will be lit and **Blue Christmas Service**. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who

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have passed away over the years on a blue star from the newsletter or bulletin or you can light a candle (battery or real) in their memory.

Sunday, December 19th, Advent IV, the candle of Love, Pre-Christmas Service with special music and celebration of White Gift. Our White Gift money donations will go to support Fred Victor Centre. Thank you for your support.

Friday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service with carols, solos, scriptures, a Christmas dramatic reading and Christ candle lighting. Let's celebrate the joy and magic of the Christmas story together!!

Sunday, December 26th, Please note: We will not have a service.

Sunday, January 2nd, Epiphany Sunday. We celebrate the arrival of the Magi who visited Jesus.

Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive. If you would like to support the Holiday Drive, please send a donation to Japanese Social Services (Holiday Drive), 6 Garamond Ct #235, North York, ON M3C 1Z5. Thank you.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

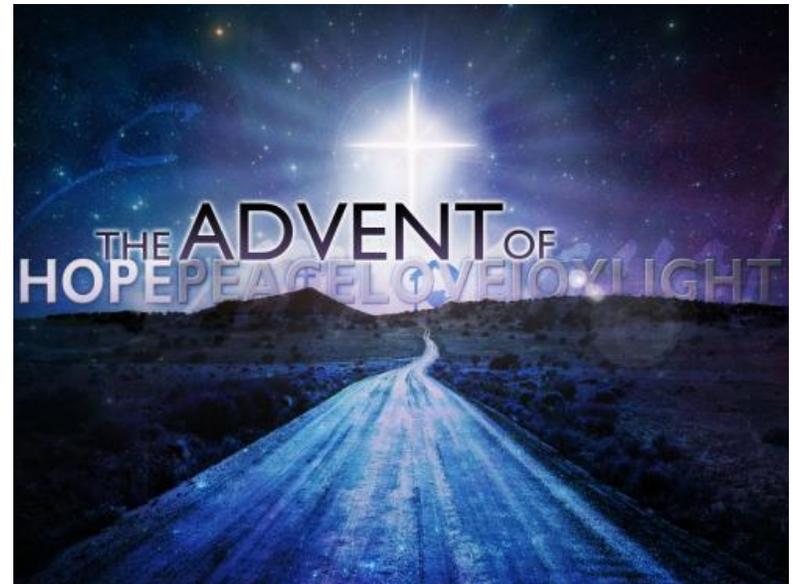
BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close

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friend or yourself. Please contact Rev. Cooper or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same Zoom number and video link.



Have a blessed day!!