



# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

December 9, 2019 "Second Sunday in Advent"

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.  
Please note this is a scent free environment. (\*please rise in body or spirit)

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Prelude: Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme - arr. J. G. Walther

*Welcome and Announcements*

Gathering Hymn: VU #9 People, Look East

Centering Time for Worship - lighting of the candles

## **Getting Closer to the Stable**

*\*Invitation to Community*

We have reached out in hope

**Anxious for the arrival of the Prince of Peace**

Yet we too are called to be peace makers

**Seekers of justice living in right relation**

For this is but yet another day in the journey

**A day set aside for worship and reflection**

*Gathering Prayer*

**Spirit of light, shine your love into our lives and souls,**

**that as people of faith we may walk with those who**

**live in shadow and are desperate for the embrace of peace.**

**In the name of the child Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

\*Hymn: VU #16 Mary, Woman of the Promise

*Advent Candle Liturgy*

We sing v.1 and 2 of "We Light this Candle"

**We light this candle of peace (hope). Await the new life with-in.**

**May our hearts now live each day, So peace (hope) can find a way,**

**So peace (hope) can find a way. - Pat Mayberry and David Kai**

*Advent Liturgy - Carol Parnell and Shelly Joyes*

As we continue our journey to the manger, we pause on this second Sunday of Advent. Today we light a candle for peace.

**Peace in a world where there is so much violence,  
so much hate, so much intolerance**

But we know that when we light a candle of peace,  
that peace begins with each one of us

*The candle is lit*

The light from this candle is the light we want to share all over creation.

**A world where there is not just an end to war and violence, but a world  
where there is great abundance for everyone. Amen**

*Worship with The Young at Heart*

### **What Do These Readings Have to do with Advent?**

*Preparation for Proclamation:*

**Prepare the Way, Prepare the Way.**

**Awaited Christ, expected one.**

**We will await, we will await.**

**The birth of God's own son. - A. Gray**

Esther 4.1-17            Reader: Shelly Joyes

Psalms 124, VU #848

Matthew 5.13-16

Anthem: *Wait! Watch!*

- David Lanz III

### **Reflection**

\*Hymn: MV #80 Beyond the Beauty and the Awe

### **Leaving the Flood and the Torrent Behind**

*Stewardship Minute:* - Brian James

Offering: The Little Drummer Boy - Davis/Onorati/Simeone

\*Hymn of Presentation: VU #55 (vs.4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**If I were a wise man, I would do my part;**

**Yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication*

**May these gifts that we offer reflect the gift given to us  
in the child Jesus; the gift given to us in those around us;  
the gift given to us from those we have yet to meet. Amen**

*Prayers of the Faithful followed by the Lord's Prayer*

Hymn: VU #28 Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

*Sending Forth*

Dare to be peacemakers

**We will stare down oppression**

Dare to be builders

**Building up relationship, tearing down barriers**

Dare to be different

**For we are children of the covenant**

\*Concluding Rite:

**In the Shortness of the Days we stretch toward the light.**

**Carrying Candles of hope to offer light.**

**In a world of bright shadow, restlessness and wrong,**

**We take our place as midwives to birth a new dawn.**

Postlude: *Meditation on Veni Emmanuel* - arr. John Scrivener

## **In Appreciation**

*Minister:* All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

*Music:* Arlene Gray and the Choir

*AV:* Lyn Miller/Brian James

*Refreshments:* Lyn Miller, Judy Amsbury, Sue Masters, Dan Kingdon

*Elevator:* Kathy Gillis

*Ushers and Greeters:* Susan Deeley, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer, Sue Masters

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