



Advent II Peace
December 10, 2023

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP
ADVENT II
December 10, 2023 (10:00 am)

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♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able ♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
(The Svenska Psalmboken 1697)

Welcome and Call to Worship

♪↑ **Hymn:** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" VU 18

Advent Candle Lighting:

Minister: Today, we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace. This candle represents the peace that Christ brings into our world and into our lives.

Reader: Isaiah 40:1-11

Minister: As we journey through Advent, we find comfort in the promise of Christ's peace.

Reader: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Minister: God's love and faithfulness bring about a peace that transcends understanding.

Light the first candle

Together: As we light these candles, may we experience the peace of Christ in our hearts and share it with a world in need.

♪+ **Hymn:** "Hope is a Star" (*verse 2*) VU 7

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

When God is a child
there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Prayer of Peace

♪↑ **Hymn:** "On Jordan's Bank" VU 20

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of Jesus' ministry

Anthem: "Prepare for the Coming of the Lord!" Music: Lloyd Larson
Words from: Isaiah 40: 3-4

Sermon: Peace Amidst the Storm

Meditative Music: "Rorate Caeli" Jeanne Demessieux
"Let the skies pour down righteousness and bring forth a Saviour"

♪↑ **Offering Song:** "As with Gladness Men of Old" (verse 3) VU 81

As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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:** “Hark the Glad Sound” VU 29

Commissioning and Benediction

🎵↑ **Benediction Response:** “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star” MV 220

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

Postlude: Chorale Fanfare on
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Grimoaldo Macchia

Advent II Peace: December 10, 2023

Text: Mark 1:1-8

Title: Peace Amidst the Storm

Synopsis: Mark 1:1-8 brings us to the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Richard's Homeward Bound journey illustrates how peace can be found in unexpected moments of everyday lives. This service will explore the peace that Christ brings into our lives and how it leads us to renewal, even amid life's storms.

Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung
Advent Candle Reading: Susan McAlpine
Scripture Reader: Helena Ho
Music Director: Colleen Coulter
Organist: Madelene Klassen
Pianist: Colleen Coulter
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Sandra Trueman
Webminder: Debra Danny



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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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