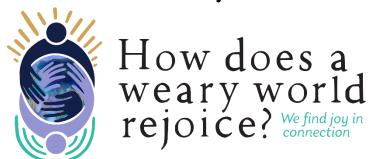


Second Sunday of Advent



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship "Hopeless Wanderer" by Benjamin Walter David Lovett, Edward James Milton Dwane, Marcus Oliver Johnstone Mumford, and Winston Aubrey Aladar Marshall

*Invitation to Worship

Mary Beth Boucher

one: Welcome to worship.
all: Welcome to worship.
one: I am glad you're here.
all: I am glad you're here.

one: Surely God is in this space.
all: Surely God is in this space.

one: I see God in your face.
all: I see God in your face.

one: Let us worship together.
all: Let us worship together.

*Opening Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

Chalice Hymnal #420; vv 1-3,5

Invocation Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Advent Candle Lighting

Gideon Blackburn

one: How does a weary world practice peace?

all: By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to.

one: By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor.

all: By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven.

one: By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.

all: There are a million ways to practice peace.

one: So today we light the candles of hope and peace, as a reminder and a charge.

all: With God's help, let us we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination "Be Still" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "Mary, Elizabeth, and Their Babies" Rev. Lisa Setty

a story based on Luke 1:39-55

from the Lectionary Story Bible - Year C, by Ralph Milton and Margaret Kyle

told in the Children Worship & Wonder room

Scripture Isaiah 40:1-11 (Common English Bible) Roy Nickum

Scripture Luke 1:24-45 (Common English Bible) Roy Nickum

Sermon "We Rejoice When We Find Joy in Connection" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Music "Weary Traveler" by Jordan St. Cyr Emily Boedeker

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response in Song "I Can Celebrate You" by Anna Strickland

Invitation to Stewardship

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Judy Nickum

*Doxology "The First Noel Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response "Take Our Bread" Chalice Hymnal #413

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Judy Nickum

*Closing Hymn "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" Chalice Hymnal #125

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude "Hopeless Wanderer" reprise Emily Boedeker

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