

Advent 2

Today, as we light our second candle, the theme of our service is that of peace. With the present state of the world, it may seem to many a rather naïve and incredulous thing to hope for. What can we few, sitting here in the pews of Tecumseh United Church, or watching on our computer screens, do to stop the fighting and bring about peace here on earth? The answer - unfortunately - is not much. But while we can probably not bring an end to the many wars and conflicts that rage across the globe, we *can* bring peace to our own lives. So often we find ourselves at odds with people we know for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, those reasons are valid, sometimes they are not; and more often than we care to admit, sometimes we often forget what the reason was in the first case. And so, I'd suggest, perhaps our task this Advent Season is *not* to solve all the problems of the world, but to work to bring God's peace into our own personal and individual lives by making peace with those close to us.

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Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, December 8th, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

*We are a fragrance-free environment.
We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional
territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Advent Two

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement
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(Sung to the tune of the chorus of MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart")

*Will you come, gather in,
though the stars may be falling?
Come in peace, there's a promise.
There's a voice that's bravely calling:
Will you come, gather in?*

Call to Worship

Peace, in the midst of war. Peace, in the midst of conflict.
Peace, when everything is going wrong. God offers peace.

We come seeking God's peace.

We come seeking to be made whole.

We come seeking to be reconciled.

We come from the four winds seeking God-with-Us.

Let us pray for Emmanuel, let us pray for the courage
to be peaceful, let us pray for that peace
that makes no sense to the world.

****Hymn # 29 "Hark the Glad Sound"***

Opening Prayer

Holy Child of Bethlehem, we pray today for peace.
We pray for a period in which there is no war.
We pray for all your children who are living in unjust conditions.
Prince of Peace, be at work within all of these situations.
Be with the people and the land.

**You came to shine the ultimate light, the light of peace,
and so we pray that in this Advent season,
we might feel your true peace within
and extend it to those around us. Amen.**

****Hymn # 6 "A Candle Is Burning"*** verses 1-4

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

Hymn MV # 104 "Know That God Is Good"

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6

****Hymn # 18 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"***

Meditation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering/*Offertory Hymn # 542 "We Give You But Your Own"*

Prayer Book is read/Prayers of the People

We Go to Love and Serve God

****Hymn # 43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"***

Commissioning

(Sung to the tune of the chorus of MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart")

May you go now in peace.

*Go with brave expectation
of a world of shalom*

for all flesh and every nation.

May you go now in peace.

Benediction

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Thanks to Ian Phillips for writing the Advent messages each week,
to John McIntosh for reading and to Karen Devries and
Jane Shreeve for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Happy Birthday today to Annabelle Symons and this coming
week to John Laken, John Café and Mark Coulbeck

TODAY is the *last day to order!* 8 oz strip loin steaks -\$10.

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up. Over 100 already ordered! Cash or cheque (TUC Men's Club)
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