

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SABBATH
FIRST AND SOUTH CHURCHES -- UNION SERVICE
Second Sunday in Advent**

December 5, 2021

10:00 am

"There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."
A. J. Muste

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revs. Fischer, Moon & Yonkman

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

SHARED SONG NO.132

When God Is a Child (second verse)
(Brian Wren -words, Joan Fogg – music)

A: I dream of the first pitch of opening season.
B: *I dream of a laundry day, where each sock finds its mate.*
A: I dream of family home for the holidays.
B: *I dream of good books and homemade meals.*
A: I dream of sunset drives with the windows down.
B: *These are beautiful dreams, but I also have urgent dreams.*
A: I dream of conversations across party lines.
B: *I dream of more bridges and less walls.*
A: I dream of more laughter and less fear.
B: *But most of all, I dream of peace like a river.*
A: Today we light the candle of peace.
 (The candle is lit)
B: *May it remind us that there is another way.*
All: Amen.

SHARED SONG NO. 132

When God Is a Child (refrain)
(Brian Wren-words, Joan Fogg-music)

*** GATHERING SONG NO. 122**

Comfort, Comfort You My People
(Johannes Olearius-words Louis Bourgeois-music)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Sarah Pradhan

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 155

Gloria, In Excelsis Deo (refrain)
(French Carol)

SCRIPTURE

One: As we hear the words of scripture,

All: Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The grass withers and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of God shall stand forever.

*** SHARED SONG (insert)**

For Mary, Joseph, T'was No Place
(Denny Moon-words, The Agincourt Song-music)

SERMON THOSE WHO DREAM...*PREPARE THE WAY!*

Rev. Todd Yonkman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer

COMMUNION (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Dona Nobis Pacem* Sandra Fischer, Jill Ford & Laura Murach

*** SHARED SONG NO. 142**

People, Look East
(Eleanor Farjeon-words, Traditional French carol)

There are a thousand ways to live into our commitment to this community, as our benediction reminds us. If you're able to make a donation, there's a collection plate when you leave the sanctuary. If you are not, your presence here is a gift in and of itself—thank you for being a part of us today. Please join us in the benediction.

*** BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;

* All who are able, please stand.

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Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God,
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

And The Glory of The Lord
(George Frederic Handel, from "Messiah")
(Please remain seated for the postlude)

Norman McFarlane, organist

Our Participants in Today's Advent candle-lighting are:



Barbara & Kurt Neumann
and
Heather Dobbert