



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 10, 2023

PRELUDE

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
(Larry Shackley)

INTROIT

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”
(#157 vs. 1-4)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lord, this is a season of longing. Today we long for peace. Peace that may seem so far away all we can do is pray. Peace that comes from acting as your hands and feet here on earth. Peace made possible by knowing Jesus Christ as Savior. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we recognize the need for true peace, both with others and within ourselves. Forgive our tendency to make this season about shopping for gifts rather than the priceless gift of grace, peace, and redemption you have already provided. Have mercy on us, O God. Our hearts long for a strong and lasting peace: when families are reconciled, when the world's divisions are healed, and human dignity is restored to all. Help us love mercy, seek justice, and walk humbly with you each day. In Jesus' name; Amen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Huron Carol”
(arr. Edward Henderson)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

DRAMA

“I Have One Job - Part 2”
(G. S. Kohler)

MESSAGE

Longing:
“Longing for Peace”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“On Jordan's Banks the Baptists Cry”
(Words: #156, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”
(Stevens, Maher, Popadic)

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Leader: ...Lord, we pray:

All: Hear our prayers for peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

“Canticle of the Turning”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” on ‘In Dulci Jubilo’”
(Page C. Long)

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To Give:

