

On Earth
PEACE



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Prelude

“Veni Emmanuel”
arr. Kim Robertson
Cindy Fuller

Welcome

Sharlande Sledge

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God’s love knows no bounds.

Meditation

Libby Bellinger

Lighting of the Advent Candles

John, Jennifer, & Jonah Bronson-Warren

- One: We light this candle of peace as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
- Many: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.**
- One: We are preparing ourselves for the day that Isaiah prophesied, crying in the wilderness:
- Many: “Prepare the way of our God, make the path straight**
- One: Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill made low,
- Many: and the crooked shall be made straight,**
- One: and the rough ways made smooth;
- Many: and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.”**
- One: Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
- Many: Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Congregational Response

“When God Is a Child”
MOON BEAMS

Peace is a rib-bon that cir - cles the earth, giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty 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 a - fraid.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11
Steve Reid

One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Peace

Grant Dooley

Congregational Song

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”
GENEVA 42

Comfort, comfort you my people, tell of peace thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance sing the reign of God is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of our God now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:17-21
Richard Groves

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Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Christ, Our Peace”
Richard Groves

Benediction

Richard Groves

Congregational Benediction

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
REJOICE, REJOICE

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story,
May God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

Postlude

“Deep Peace (A Gaelic Blessing)”
John Rutter
Steve Gardner

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