

Order of Worship
December 10th, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

silently and gently
falling and failing
changing and resting
seeking you, Lord...

we watch
we wait
we dream
we pray...

for the earth to renew
for our hearts to soften
for your grace to cover us
for your justice to pour out

for time and space to listen
for courage to act

on the edge of Advent,
we sit with you...
we pause...
we hurt...
we repent...
we rage...

When will it be?
Will it ever be?
Come quickly, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

~ written by Rev. Deborah Vaughn

Hymn of Praise

My Lord, He Is A Comin' Soon
WS #166

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 1

If you're asleep it's time to wake up
Awake O sleeper arise
If you're in the dark it's time to be lit
Awake O sleeper arise

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 2

Come Lord Jesus come into my
heart
Prepare ye the way of the King

He is coming He's coming soon
Prepare the way of the King

Chorus

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Prepare ye the way of the Lord
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Advent Wreath Lighting Week 2 — Peace

Blessed are we, the fearful, though we long to be people of peace.
We can't lie: we are afraid.
Afraid there won't be enough – enough resources, enough time, enough memories.
Blessed are we who ask you for your wisdom.
Show us what to turn from, what to set aside
Come Lord that we might see you,
Move with you,
Keep pace with you.
Oh Prince of Peace, still our restless selves,
calm our anxious hearts,
quiet our busy minds.
Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ, come and dwell among us.

Fill us with your courage. Calm us with your love. Fortify us with your hope.
Amen.

~ by Kate Bowler

Opening Prayer

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful savior
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hands
Crafted into your perfect plans
You gently called me into your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life
Through your eyes
I'm captured by your holy calling
Set me apart. I know you're drawing me to yourself
lead me, Lord. I pray
Oh take me, mold me, use me, fill me;
Oh call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
Fill me with your Peace.
Amen.

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Special Music

Nature's Way
Randy California

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5 **NRSV**

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Mark 1:1-8 **NRSV**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of
you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole
Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem
were going out to him, and were baptized by him in
the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John
was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt
around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild
honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy
to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I
have baptized you with water; but he will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The God Who Always Finds Us

The Rev. Dr. Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Mother Nature's Son

Paul McCartney

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

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Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming,
We wait filled with hope,
Knowing your light will shine in the darkness.
We wait anticipating your peace,
Believing that one day it will fill our world.
We wait embracing your love,
May we reach out to share it with our neighbors.
We wait with joy,
Bubbling us in expectation of your birth.
Lord we wait,
Come soon and fill us with your life.
Amen.

~ written by Christine Sine (2012)

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
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