

December 8, 2019



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

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December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

10 am

~Gather in Spirit~

Theme: Peace in the Midst of Conflict

Prelude *An Advent Meditation* (D. Lasky) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome, Announcements and Hospitality Booklets Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
Thank you for signing the hospitality booklet this morning. Your presence here is a blessing! When you sign in, it lets us know both who's here and who's not. When you're able to be at worship, we celebrate that. And when you're not, we miss you. Help us to keep connected by signing in.

Introit *Light of Light* (J. Raney) Federated Choir

Lighting of Advent Candle of Hope Brian, Dawn, Emma, Savannah, Mackenzie Thatcher
One: Teach us your ways, O Light of the world.

As we gather, we remember and confess those times when we have not lived in your peace, O God. So we join in prayer:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**For those times we have sown seeds of discord instead of harmony,
For those times we have not made space for peaceful silence,
For those times we have neglected to connect with Christ, the Prince of Peace,
We ask your forgiveness, O merciful God.**

One: We put our trust in our Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, rejoicing that our God of Peace promises mercy and forgiveness. As we bring to light our second Advent candle, our candle of peace, we remember that Christ's light rises up and brings peace amidst the conflict in our world. And so we pray, God of All Peace,

All: Come to us!

One: Shine out in the midst of conflict.

All: Shine out to light our way.

One: Shine in our darkest places

All: Shine through us for the world to see.

Congregational Response sung (remain seated)

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Light of Light

Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
prayers of those who seek re - lief.
End their dark - ness, hear their call for
peace on earth, good will for all.

Choir Introit (continued)

One: Let us pray:

God of our Peace, quiet our hearts to know you in the midst of conflict.
Make your vision of peace for this world our own. Fill us with your light that
we may be beacons of peace for others. Amen.
Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

* **Passing of the Peace**

(Children leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

No. 138

Scripture

Romans 15:4-13

Introduction of Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

Karen Anderson

Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

Rev. Doug Horner from St. Paul's Community Church

Prayers and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn**

Dona Nobis Pacem

No. 297

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem *How Shall We Know Him* (G.M. Martin)

Federated Choir

* **Hymn of Dedication** *To God, All Glorious Heavenly Light* (Tune: TALLIS' CANON)
To God, all glorious heavenly Light;
To Christ revealed in earthly night;
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.

* **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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn** *All Earth Is Waiting* No. 139

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (W. Held) Marcia Snavely, organ
~Serve in Love~



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