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Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

Prelude Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming Lloyd Larson, arr.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace Heather Ketchum

Introit When God Is a Child Brian Wren,

Richard Binder Joan C. Fogg

Call to Worship Rev. Zach Hash

Hymn "O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines" No. 711

Karen Rich

Solo O Thou That Tellest Glad Tidings to Zion G. F. Handel

Alexandra de Suze

Advent Wreath Ritual

Joseph Pilla & Kevin Davis

LEADER: Hear afresh the words of John's prologue, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. We are preparing ourselves for the coming days:

PEOPLE: The days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. The days when nation shall not lift up the sword against nation and no one will learn war anymore.

LEADER: Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord!

PEOPLE: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

LEADER: The candle already burning represents the light of our Peace in Christ. The candle we light today represents the Hope that we have in Christ, the lone hope of all humanity.

Morning Prayers

Rev. Susan Sparks

The 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; And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil.

For thine is the

kingdom and the

power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Hymn "Comfort, Comfort You My People" No. 122

Jenny Lindsey

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Scripture

Hanh Nguyen

Sermon

"Present (of) Hope"

Heather Ketchum

Meditation

Lift Up Your Heads,

Thomas Williams:

Ye Mighty Gates

Chuck Marohnic, arr.

Offering

Brian Crowson

Offertory

Precious Promise Steven Curtis Chapman;

Brian Long

Tom Fettke, arr.

Communion Hymn "Now the Silence" (Sing two times)

No. 415

Andv Redeker

Silent Preparation

Communion Nancy Rivera

The Bread (unison)

Let us recall that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Cup (unison)

In the same way he took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, you remain a sacred mystery to us. You have brought Good News for all the people and we will not be afraid. We are hungry for your love which surpasses all our understanding: we are thirsty for your spirit that never runs dry. In this meal nourish our souls, feed our minds, and quench our deepest longings, that we may glorify you every day of our lives. Amen.

Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

No. 119

Doug Shapiro

Benediction

Heather Ketchum

Postlude

Same as Prelude

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Sunday, December 6, 2020

Please include the following in your prayers this week:

- For Steve Asikin whose mother passed away recently.
- Prayers for Susan Crowson who had surgery last week.
- Healing prayers for Jacki Friedmann who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayers for those battling the coronavirus and for those who have died. Prayers for the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who are treating patients.
- Prayers for our own Helen Viel in Paris who is battling COVID-19.
- Pastor Mark's mother, Barb Mast, a friend of Frieda Lane who is in ICU with COVID-19.
- Prayers for Shakia Farrington and her family.
- Prayers for Melvin Bell who is having health issues.
- Prayers for Kate and Tanya Pestriakova's father, Oleg, who has bronchitis.
- For Rodney Dunlap-Keener's fifteen-year-old nephew Logan, who died recently. Prayers also for Rodney's family and for Rodney's husband, Matt.
- Healing prayers for Vickie Blevins, Brad Blevins' mother, who is undergoing multiple operations for a spinal surgery infection.
- Prayers for Adom Crew and his family.
- For the virus of racism to be eradicated from our hearts and our world.
- Prayers for a dear friend of George Lane who is fighting cancer.
- Healing prayers for Michele Grimes, a pastor ordained by MABC, who is struggling with stage 4 breast cancer.
- Martha Mae Ludden, a cousin of Susan Sparks, who is going through serious health issues.

- Prayers for Meliza Romillo, a lifelong friend of Joseph Pilla and his family, as she fights cancer. May her fierce spirit and determination guide her when she needs it most.
- Special prayers for all of our medical workers, including Agnes from our livestream family who works in a hospital unit in Queens, and Roslyn Gordon, our sexton Troy Gordon's wife who is a registered nurse in Brooklyn.
- Healing prayers for Doug Plummer, friend of Turner Roach and Kevin Fannin, recently diagnosed with a return of metastatic cancer.
- Healing prayers for Jane Claudio, recently diagnosed with a return of cancer.
- Healing prayers for Angel Ramirez, friend of Cheryl Sims, who had a transplant recently.
- Prayers of healing for Raquel Tresvant and her family.
- Monterio St. Auburn, a life-long friend of Troy Gordon who was diagnosed with cancer.
- Marti Law, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jamie Rodriguez-Wise.
- Jerrold Owens, Richard Binder's work colleague, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers for Linda Mydland, suffering from Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Prayers also for her husband Dave and sister Carmella Grill.
- For Bob Sanders, friend of Turner Roach and Kevin Fannin, who is recovering from colon cancer.
- Prayers for Dwayne Land.