



**December 8, 2024**  
**Sunday Gathering**  
The Second Sunday of Advent

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**-PRELUDE-**

*“Joy in the Morning”* – N. Sleeth  
Brenda Gardiner

**-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-**

*We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.*

*We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.*

*We acknowledge the women who’ve faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who’ve been mistreated and misunderstood.*

*We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.*

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*“Joy in the Morning”*

THERE’LL BE JOY IN THE MORNING ON THAT DAY,  
THERE’LL BE JOY IN THE MORNING ON THAT DAY,  
FOR THE DAYLIGHT WILL DAWN WHEN THE DARKNESS IS GONE,  
THERE’LL BE JOY IN THE MORNING ON THAT DAY.

THERE’LL BE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT EVERMORE,  
THERE’LL BE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT EVERMORE,  
EVERY HEART, EVERY VOICE ON THAT DAY WILL REJOICE,  
THERE’LL BE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT EVERMORE.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Thank you, God, for the Peace you’ve shown us;  
**YOUR PEACE FAR EXCEEDS ANY EARTHLY PEACE.**

Over and over again, we see your peace  
reflected in the compassion and good deeds of others;  
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE PEACE WE'VE KNOWN.

Help us, O God, to be your Peace in our world;  
HELP US TO CARRY YOUR PEACE WITHIN US,  
AND GIVE TO OTHERS IT AS IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.

AMEN!

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Joy in the Morning"*

THERE'LL BE LOVE AND FORGIVENESS EVERYWHERE,  
THERE'LL BE LOVE AND FORGIVENESS EVERYWHERE,  
AND THE WAY OF THE LORD WILL THAT DAY BE RESTORED,  
THERE'LL BE LOVE AND FORGIVENESS EVERYWHERE.

FOR THE DAYLIGHT WILL DAWN WHEN THE DARKNESS IS GONE,  
THERE'LL BE JOY IN THE MORNING ON THAT DAY.

**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY,  
WING YOUR FLIGHT O'ER ALL THE EARTH;  
AS YOU SANG CREATION'S STORY,  
NOW PROCLAIM MESSIAH'S BIRTH:  
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP,  
WORSHIP CHRIST, GIVE THANKS AND SING!

SHEPHERDS, IN THE FIELD ABIDING,  
WATCHING O'ER YOUR FLOCKS BY NIGHT,  
GOD WITH US IS NOW RESIDING,  
YONDER SHINES THE INFANT LIGHT:  
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP,  
WORSHIP CHRIST, GIVE THANKS AND SING!

SAGES, LEAVE YOUR CONTEMPLATIONS,  
BRIGHTER VISIONS BEAM AFAR;  
SEEK THE GREAT DESIRE OF NATIONS,  
GUIDED BY CHRIST'S NATURAL STAR:  
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP,  
WORSHIP CHRIST, GIVE THANKS AND SING!

SAINTS, BEFORE THE ALTAR BENDING,  
WATCHING LONG IN HOPE AND FEAR,  
SUDDENLY, YOUR PRAYERS ATTENDING,  
CHRIST BESIDE YOU SHALL APPEAR.  
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP,  
WORSHIP CHRIST, GIVE THANKS AND SING!

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Luke 2: 8-14 (CEB)

<sup>8</sup> *Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. <sup>9</sup> The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.*

<sup>10</sup> *The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. <sup>11</sup> Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger."*

<sup>13</sup> *Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"PEACE"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*"Perfect Peace"*

Lisa Loeffler

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Emmanuel"*

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL,  
HIS NAME IS CALLED EMMANUEL.  
GOD WITH US, REVEALED IN US,  
HIS NAME IS CALLED EMMANUEL.

**-COMMUNION-**

*"So This is Christmas"* – Ono/Lennon

**-OFFERING-**

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

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 OUR CREATOR,  
CHILDREN ALL ARE WE.  
LET US WALK WITH EACH OTHER  
IN PERFECT HARMONY.

LET PEACE BEGIN WITH US,  
LET THIS BE THE MOMENT NOW.  
WITH EVERY STEP WE TAKE,  
LET THIS BE OUR SOLEMN VOW:  
TO TAKE EACH MOMENT  
AND LIVE EACH MOMENT  
IN PEACE ETERNALLY.  
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH,  
AND LET IT BEGIN WITH US.

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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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