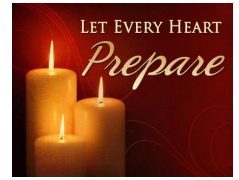




St. Vincent UCC Live Stream Service
Second Sunday in Advent Dec. 6th, 2020
Sacrament of Holy Communion



Greeting

Prelude Music

Deborah Rick, Church Musician

Call To Worship:

Pastor: John the Baptist prepared a way in the desert for Jesus in his time. Today, we need to prepare a way for God to enter into the desert parts of our own hearts this Advent.

People: **We remember John and his preparation for the ministry of Jesus. Let us also prepare a way for God to enter more fully into our lives.**

Pastor: Let's begin by singing together our first hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful".

Hymn:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (# 112, Red Hymnal)

O come, all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
 O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
 Come and behold Him Born the King of Angels!
 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord
Oh, sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Oh, come, oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord
 Amen, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning
 O Jesus, forever be Thy Name adored
 Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony:

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! **All: The season of Advent is upon us!**

Pastor: A reading from Psalm 85, verses 8-13.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Light the First Candle. **Pastor:** Every day many people suffer due to war, disease, poverty, and injustice. They are longing for a place where "righteousness and peace will kiss each other". This Advent season – listen! God's voice is speaking peace to each of those who are faithful. Listen – we are the ones called by god to show his love and care and compassion to those in need.

All: We believe n a God who speaks peace to all peoples. We pray for the day when peace and good will toward all will be the way of the world.

Light the Second Candle. **Pastor:** Rejoice always! **All: The Child of Peace is coming!**

Sung Response: Sung to the tune of "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Kindle this flame of peace, May it burn bright and true.
 Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

A Message for Our Children and the Child in All of Us: "Peace Will Guide Us" (Books and Bells)

Prayer for Advent:

A message is sent to prepare the way for someone special to come and something amazing to happen – something life-changing for the people who hear the message. Let us pray for such ears and hearts together - **Loving God, John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness for people to get ready for the arrival of the Messiah. Today, we await the arrival of him once again – that small baby in a manger, that Savior for all, our Prince of Peace – Jesus the Christ. Help us to make our hearts ready to receive him more fully so that our lives will truly be changed for the better this Christmas. Amen.**

May the arrival of Jesus this Christmas bring changes in our lives that are not just for now – but for always – so that the blessing we receive will help us become a blessing to others that will last their whole lives long. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 1-8

Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (# 127, Black Hymnal)

Lo, how a Rose, e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came a flower-et bright, amid the cold of winter
when half spent was the night.
*Isaiah had foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.*

Pastor's Message: "Prepare For Peace"

Special Music: Keith Patterson, Director of Music Ministry and Deborah Rick, Church Musician

Sacrament of Communion: Brief Service of Communion

Prayer List / Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer: (using debts and debtors)



Affirmation for Advent:

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us. We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child. We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to new life again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living. We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection. And we believe that every person is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

Now, let's sing our final hymn, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear".

Hymn: "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" (# 107, Red Hymnal)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*
For lo! The days are hastening on by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Benediction:

Postlude Music

Deborah Rick, Church Musician