

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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## \*Response: "Shalom"

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom,  
Kami no mi megumi.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed  
with grace from God.)*

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom,  
yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly,  
abundantly.)*

## Postlude

Janet Hill

*We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music  
and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go  
with God's blessings.*

## In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Jana Nakase-Lee, Luda Wright
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Maurine Huang, Luda Wright
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat):	William Yee
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Victor & Sherri Yee



## The Celebration of Worship

December 4, 2022 • Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Liam Wright
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
Advent Candle Lighters:	Carla Hart, Tia Kilpatrick

## Centering Prayer for Worship

*Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, be born again into our world.  
Wherever there is war, wherever there is no hope, come,  
Thou long-expected one, with healing in Thy wings.*

*Savior, be born in each of us who raises our face to Your face, not knowing  
fully who we are or who You are, knowing only that Your love is beyond  
our knowing and that no other has the power to make us whole.  
Come, Lord Jesus, to each who longs for You.*

*From Listening to Your Life by Frederick Buechner*

## Prelude

Janet Hill

## \*Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us  
one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one  
in You.**

## Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Advent Candle Lighting

Carla Hart, Tia Kilpatrick

Reader: This morning during the season of Advent we light the second candle in the Advent wreath, which is the candle of peace. We light the first candle in hope. (Light the first candle.) We light the second candle for peace. (Light the second candle.) Advent sets a mood of waiting in the dark for Christ's coming, waiting for the one who is the Light of the world. Each new candle we light shows we are getting closer to the day we celebrate Christ's birth. We light these candles today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one who brings peace to all who will receive it. Let's pray:

Leader: Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare the way for your Son. We anticipate his coming, and the light of your love and peace that burns so brightly in Jesus.

**All: Bring your light on our path through the difficult times in our lives. May we live in peace with all people and all creation. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### Advent Candle Lighting Song:

#### #60 Silent Night, Holy Night verse 1

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

### Call to Worship

Liam Wright

Leader: Come, God's holy people, to follow the way prepared for you this Advent season.

**People: Once again, the world journeys to the manger in search of peace, as the glory of God transforms all the world.**

**All: O God, receive our grateful worship as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.**

## Doxology

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Liam Wright

### Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### \*Sending Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (#38)

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, good will to all, 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.

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **Receiving the Elements**

### **Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Liam Wright

**All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.**

### **\*Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** **(#2)**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **Invitation to Confession**

Liam Wright

Leader: We try to stay faithful but we get distracted and bail. We long to care for others but end up focusing on ourselves. When we turn to God in prayer, God hears our guilt and shame, and forgives our sins, so we can live in peace.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Liam Wright

Leader: Come, God-who-draws-near-to-us, for we live in anxious times, wondering if we will ever make it through. Come to us with Your empowering hope.

**People: We long to be responsive to You, but find it easy to be distracted by worries and regrets. Come to us with Your peace.**

Leader: Forgive us for rushing past you in our holiday hurriedness. We remember that Your love stopped at nothing to save us and claim us as Your own.

**All: We rest in Your peaceful presence and bring You the wounded areas of our lives for Your help and healing. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

**Assurance of God's Grace** Liam Wright

Leader: In the midst of all our uncertainty, we are reminded of eternal truths; that God loves us, God forgives us, God restores us to new life.

**People: The Child has come, bringing peace, offering grace, and wrapping us in arms of love.**

**All: We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** Liam Wright

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Choir Song**  
"Suo-Gan" by Alaw Werin

**Unison Prayer of Guidance**

**All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Japanese Reading: Isaiah 55:12** Miko Kumagai

For you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

**1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7** Liam Wright

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in a land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and, peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

**Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!"

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**Musical Offering** Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection*

**\*Communion Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

**(#9)**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!