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GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

♪ ♪ **Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the world to see. (R)**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Lighting the Christ Candle

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and
dreams long before contact with Europeans and then
others. We acknowledge the Kosapsum and Songees,
Ləkʷəŋən peoples—all relations yearning for right
relationship. And so we recommit to a journey toward
reconciliation, one that is not easy.**

Opening Prayer

**God of deep within, Great Mystery beyond understanding,
your invitations to love have created in us a sense of
wonder. And so here we are: wondering about you,
wondering about our deepest purpose and life's meaning.
Remind us—amidst the busy-ness of the season—to look
for peace. Remind us that your way is a Way of Peace.
Grant us the peace we need—deep within and far beyond.
In this time of worship and in this time of silence, hear
our gratitude... (silence)**

Hymn: VU 9 People, Look East

Advent Unwrapping

Advent Candle Lighting: Peace – Peggy Hodding

♪ **We light this candle for peace.** ~ TLUS 55 ~
**Await the new life within.
May our hearts now live each day,
so peace can find a way, so peace can find a way**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

♪ **Prepare ye the way of the Lord. (x2)
Make room, make room in your hearts O children.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.** ~ Jim Strathdee ~

Scripture Readings: Matthew 3:1-12, Isaiah 11:1-10
Read by: Colleen Nichol

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Joseph Speaks (by Diane Monteith)

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn: VU 682 O Day of Peace

Communion (See insert)

Communion Songs

♪ ♪ **We are walking a path of peace (x 3),
Lead us home, lead us home** ~ MV 221 ~

♪ **Come and fill our hearts with your peace, ~ MV 16 ~**
You, the source of life, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Offering

Offertory Response

~ Burt Bacharach ~

♪ **What the world needs now is love, sweet love**
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now is love, sweet love.
No, not just for some but for everyone.

Announcements: Work of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ Becki Slagle Mayo ~

♪ **Be a candle of peace. Be a candle of light**
A beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.
Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.
The more light we give, the more love we'll know.

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*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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2nd Sunday of Advent: PEACE

