

12.8.19

Worship at The Well

Gathering Music

Greeting from The Band and Each Other

Song for All "Joy to The World"

Welcome, Announcements and Community Connections

Giving Gifts We've Brought

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

One: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we boldly trust that God is never absent from us. Yea, God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord and incivility - whether between countries, within families, or inside our own hearts - God is present, conspiring to reveal to us new possibilities.

**All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and counting down days,
We thank You for the twin pillars of hope and peace
You erect around us, over and over again.
As we make space for You-come-into-the-world,
Teach us the peace that comes from justice and fairness.
We come here so our hearts can be transformed by You,
That we may walk in the disruptive peace of Christ.**

Song for All "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

The Word in Video "Who Was John the Baptizer"

The Word from the Gospel Mark 1: 1-8
Key verse: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Message Joy to This World Sermon Series:
"Peace that Disrupts"

Prayer Station

As the band plays a great rallying song about the coming of peace, "Peace Train", please sit with the quote below by Bishop Kenneth Carder. Consider a behavior that's required in yourself if you are to be a peace-maker & a peace-builder in our culture of violence and incivility. You'll have opportunity to share your idea following the song, if you choose to.

"Here is a definition. Peace is a right relationship with God. And a right relationship with God always places us into a right relationship with each other. And here is a further conviction. We do not make it a right relationship. God has already done that. God has already made peace with the world."

Focus Song "Peace Train"

*Now I've been happy lately
Thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun
Oh, I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Someday it's going to come*

*'Cause I'm on the edge of darkness
There ride the Peace Train
Oh, Peace Train take this country
Come take me home again*

*Now I've been smiling lately,
Thinkin' about the good things to come
And I believe it could be,
Something good has begun*

*Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now Peace Train
Yes, Peace Train holy roller*

*Everyone jump upon the Peace Train
Come on now, Peace Train*

*Get your bags together,
Go bring your good friends, too
'Cause it's getting nearer,
It soon will be with you*

*Now come and join the living,
It's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer,
Soon it will all be true*

An Audacious Prayer for Peace

Song for All "Happy Christmas (War is Over)"

Charge and Blessing

Parting Music