

Knox United Church

December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent - PEACE



Swagatam, Tansi, Welcome:

As we join together in worship we acknowledge that we live on Turtle island, land that creator brought out of the waters so all could have life. Turtle island is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Gathering Together in Song:

MV140 Na Nzela Na Lola (As long as we follow)

1. As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
We know God's reign will surely come. x2
We know this, we know this, Yes, God's reign will surely come. x2
2. Lingala
Na nzela na lola toko tambola malembe
malembe tokotambola x2
Malembe, malembe, Malembe, tokotambola x2
3. As long as we hope
There is a future for
Creation, a future for the universe.
Malembe, malembe...
4. As long as we sing...
Malembe, malembe...
5. As long as we pray...
Malembe, malembe...

MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Behold, (behold), Behold (behold)
I make all things new, beginning with you
And starting from today.
Behold, (behold), Behold (behold)
I make all things new, my promise is true
For I am Christ the way.

Welcome and Announcement:

Singing: VU7 Hope Is a Star

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid. R
2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth. **R**
3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
Telling the world that the Saviour is born. **R**
4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart. **R**

Call to Worship: (Jeremiah 33: 14-16)

One: The circle of poverty will be broken

All: Thanks be to God!

One: The vice grip of evil will be shattered.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: The ache of loneliness will be ended.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: The insight of a child will lead us.

All: Thanks be to God! Let us worship in the hope of the promise of new life!

Passing the Peace

Children's Time: Lighting the Advent Candle – ADVENT 2 - Peace

Luke 1: 12-13, Luke 1: 76-79, Luke 1: 26-30, Luke 2: 13-14

We light this candle remembering the song of the angels.

Glory to God...

We light this candle knowing there is not peace in our world.

...and on earth peace.

We light this candle hoping some day there will be peace.

Glory to God...

We light this candle knowing in many homes there is not safety.

...and on earth peace.

We light this candle hoping for a safe space for everyone.

Glory to God...

We light this candle committing ourselves to peace-creating,
to justice-making,
and shaping a world that is filled with love.

Glory to God and on earth peace.

(lighting of the second Advent candle)

Singing: VU #6 'A Candle Is Burning', vs. 2

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

English

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.)

Nepali

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्।
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ,
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्, आमेन।'

Singing: VU #82 A Light is Gleaming

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
Is burning bright, living in the light. R**

1. When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
It hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. **R**

2. When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
"God's light will ever stay." **R**

3. And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: **R**

4. So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
warming all our days. **R**

Scripture Readings: Mark 1: 1-8

Music Ministry: "Anthem" by Leonard Cohen

Reflection: What Are We Waiting For?

Offering: Mission and Service Advent / Christmas Video

The ministry and mission of Knox continues, even when the building is closed. God's love and concern for those who are struggling is shared. You make it possible to carry this message to everyone. If you normally give when you are in worship, we encourage you to continue your regular donations through Canada Helps. The link is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/107576134RR0001-knox-united-church/> All donations made will be forwarded to Knox Winnipeg. Or, if you have envelopes, you could put your offering in an envelope each Sunday and bring them with you when we get back to in person worship. Thank you for your generosity in these times of trouble.

Communion

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Breath of peace,

Giver of all life,

Source of love that knows no boundaries.....

And, as we wait and watch for your coming among us,
we proclaim your goodness.

All sing: Sanctus -- "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (VU #1, vs 1, 5)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel. R**

5. O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. **R**

Telling The Story

At this time, we also remember
all with whom you would have us share your feast.
We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain...

Source of love,
we pray for your Spirit.

**Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole.
Make us, despite death, alive.**
And so we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ,
the Bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.

Let us eat and drink together
for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world.
(Communion is served)

Music Ministry: Sergio Banaga

Prayer After Communion

**All: We thank you, God,
for breaking into our world
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.
We thank you, God,
for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells.**

One: Hear us now as we offer the community prayers of our hearts
and minds....

Community Prayer

Singing: VU #884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands xx
The trees of the field will clap their hands xx
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

Blessing