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Meeting for Worship

December 10, 2023 2023

10:00 PM Semi-programmed worship

Leigh, Pastor

Kathleen, Music

Welcome

First Word: Bernie

Song: Peace I Ask of Thee, O River

Peace, I ask of thee, O river

Peace, peace, peace

When I learn to live serenely,

Cares will cease

From the hills I gather courage,

visions of the days to be

Strength to lead and faith to follow,

all are given unto me

Peace I ask of thee, O river

Peace, peace, peace

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Peace, peace, peace

Repeat all

Pause for Reflection

Scripture: Linda

Luke 1:26-30

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

Pause for reflection --- during this time we will light the second advent candle --- Peace

Luke 1: 46 & 47, 50-53

46 And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

50 {God}'s mercy extends to those who fear {God},
from generation to generation.

51 {God} has performed mighty deeds with {their} arm;
and scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 {God} has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

53 {God} has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

Song: There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth
the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now.

With every step I take
let this be my solemn vow.

Take each moment

and live each moment with peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me

(Repeat both verses)

Time of Reflection

Message: From Anxiety to Praise

Queries

- **What can your world look like when pure love is born into it?**
- **How can you shift from anxiety to embracing the changes in life that make us anxious or fearful?**
- **Individually, how do you bring peace to this world?**
- **What gives your life meaning and purpose?**
- **What is your dream of a beautiful and just world?**

Open Worship

(Listen in silence for the voice of The Divine. If moved to speak, sing, or read, please go to the podium so everyone can hear your message. Silence is also a message.)

Are all Hearts and Minds clear?

(when the question is asked toward the end of open worship, if you are still in prayer about something or you have something you are led to say, you can shake your head “no” and we will wait for your prayer time to be completed, and we will continue to pray with you in the meantime)

Joys and Concerns

**Closing Prayer
Announcements**

- *December 10, Meeting for Business follows the service today*
 - *Peace Prayer for a Ceasefire
Every Wednesday at 6:30*
 - *Meditation this Monday the 11th at 6:00*
- *December 17, 2023 – Peace and Social Concerns at 9:00 AM*
- *December 17, Christmas gathering at Joe and Leigh’s home, 1865 Sunset Beach Rd.*

Closing Song: My Grown Up Christmas List

Do you remember me? I sat upon your knee
I wrote to you with childhood fantasies
Well, I'm all grown up now, and still need help somehow
I'm not a child, but my heart still can dream
So here's my lifelong wish, my grown up Christmas list

Not for myself, but for a world in need

No more lives torn apart,
that wars would never start
And time would heal all hearts

Everyone would have a friend,
and right would always win,
and love would never end.

This is my grown up Christmas list
As children we believed, the grandest sight to see
Was something lovely wrapped beneath our tree
But heaven only knows that packages and bows
Can never heal a hurting human soul

No more lives torn apart,
that wars would never start
And time would heal all hearts
Everyone would have a friend,
and right would always win,
and love would never end.

This is my grown up Christmas list
May kindness rule our lives,
not just the strong survive
Sweet tears for all the thousand years gone by
This is the world I pray, we will all share some day
Help me begin by reaching out your hand.

No more lives torn apart,
that wars would never start
And time would heal all hearts
Everyone would have a friend,
and right would always win,
and love would never end.

This is my grown up Christmas list
Repeat Chorus



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Semi-programmed Worship

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All Are Welcome Here

Because we believe each person represents an image of the Divine and welcome the light that each individual brings, we open our doors to everyone. We encourage full participation by all in the life of our meeting. We recognize one another as equal travelers on the journey, seeking always to celebrate our joys and share our struggles together. May we create and tend an ethic of respect, reverence, safety, and listening. May we delight in our differences.