



December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent
A Place at the Table: Peace

Prelude

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting "Peace Waits for Us at Advent" Amanda Udis-Kessler

Peace waits for us at Ad-vent Peace waits for us to rest.

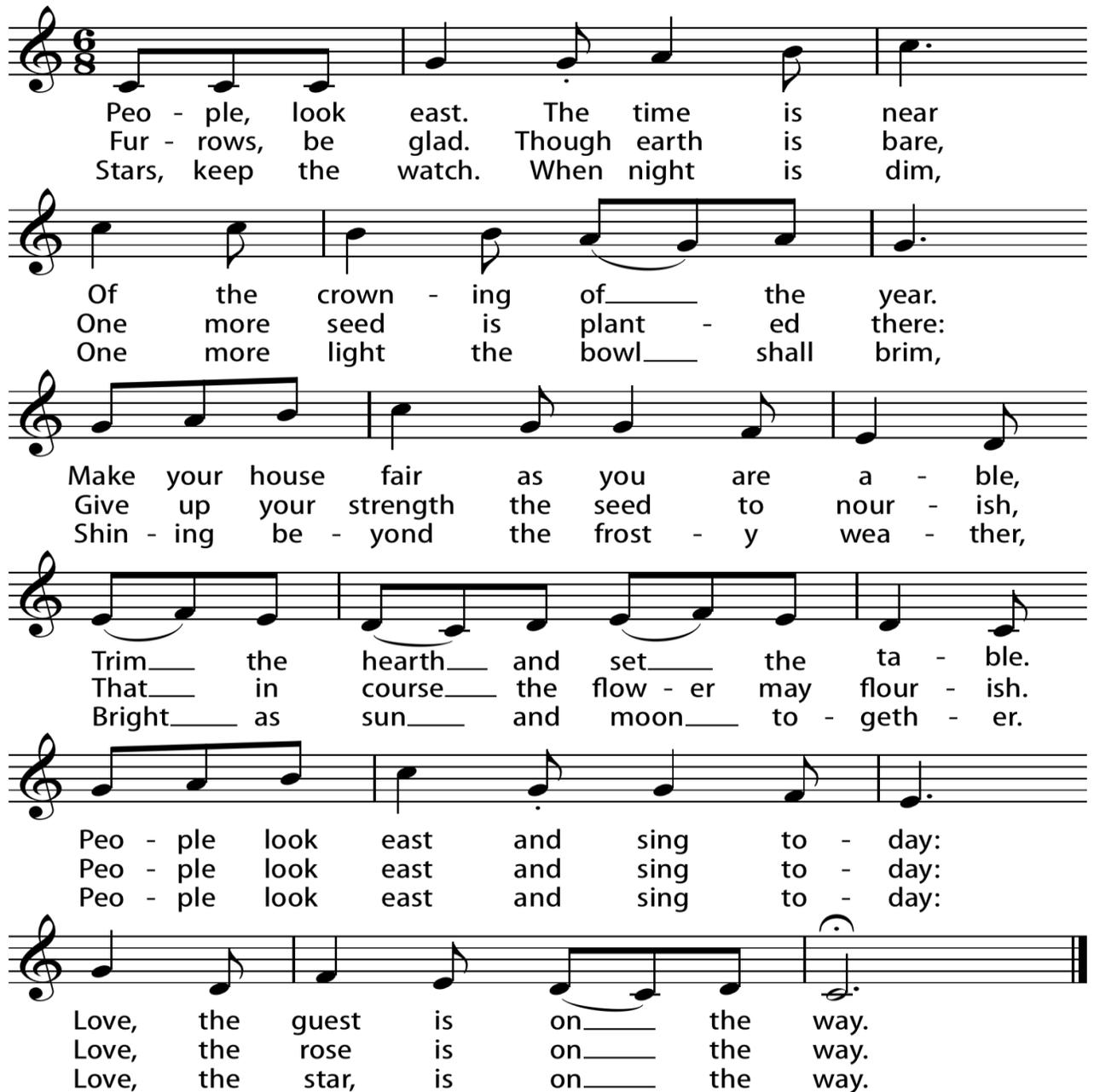
Peace waits for our ac-cep-tance of the truth that we are blessed.

In this time of pre - par-a - tion for the work of co - cre-a - tion,

for the birth-ing of a world of gen - tle - ness and play,

Peace is born in us each day.

Opening Hymn "People Look East"



Peo - ple, look east. The time is near
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
Of the crown - ing of the year.
One more seed is plant - ed there:
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y wea - ther,
Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
That in course the flow - er may flour - ish.
Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
Peo - ple look east and sing to - day:
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Love, the guest is on the way.
Love, the rose is on the way.
Love, the star, is on the way.

Children's Time

First reading:

Baruch 5: 1-5 (CEB)

Take off your mourning clothes
and oppression, Jerusalem!

Dress yourself in the dignity
of God's glory forever.

Wrap the justice that comes from God around yourself like a robe.

Place the eternal one's glory
on your head like a crown.

God will show your brilliance everywhere under heaven.

God will give you this name
by which to be called forever:

The Peace That Comes from Justice,
The Honor That Comes
from Reverence for God!

Get up, Jerusalem!

Stand on the high place,
and look around to the east!

See your children gathered
from the west to the east

by the holy one's word,
as they rejoice that God has remembered them.

The Witness of Music

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3-11 (CEB)

I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Joys and Concerns

Communion

**Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.**

**We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.**

Thank you for loving us so tenderly.

**Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen**

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Closing Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"



It came up - on__ the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,___
Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,___
For lo, the days are has - tening on, by proph - et bards fore - told,___



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:___
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:___
when with the ev - er cir - cling years comes round the age__ of gold;___



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, great news of joy__ we bring."__
a - bove its sad__ and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,___
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,___



the world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing. ___
and ev - er o'er__ its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing. ___
and all the world send back the song which now the an - gels sing. ___

Benediction

Postlude

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