

# harcourt

*An Affirming Ministry*

**December 9, 10:30 a.m.**

**MINISTERS:** The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:** Alison MacNeill

VU—Voices United

**Advent 2 - Peace**

MV—More Voices



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## WORDS OF WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

One: In the early hours of every morning, the inky blue of the sky slowly turns to purple, heralding that the night is passing and morning comes.

Two: As the flame begins to burn, we are reminded of the gentle wind that each dawn brings, pushing us closer to the promised reign of peace and love.

**All: As we wait through the time of Advent for the celebration of Jesus' birth, may be drawn together in the Spirit's peace.**

### QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

**SUNG RESPONSE** VU 7 Hope is a Star vv.1,2

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing,

**All: We welcome the day, hearts lifted in praise.**

One: The day of the Lord brings the dawning of mercy,

**All: We welcome the day, singing songs of new hope.**

One: The day of the Lord brings a prophecy of peace,

**All: We welcome the day, that brings promise for tomorrow.**

One: Come let us worship, with hearts, minds and voices,

**All: We'll worship our God, as we welcome the day.**

**SONG** MV 20 God of Still Waiting

### GATHERING PRAYERS

**SILENCE**

**PRAYER SONG** VU 901 Song of Zechariah v.1

### ENGAGING THE STORY

**READING** Luke 1:68-79

**SUNG REFLECTION** I Wonder as I Wander

*John Jacob Niles*

### REFLECTION

**OFFERING AND SONG** VU 5 All Earth is Waiting vv.1,2

**CHOIR SONG** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child *Allan Bevan*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Paraphrase *M. Furlong*

**SONG** MV 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands vv.1,4,5a

### BLESSING

One: Blessed be the God of Israel,

**All: who comes to set us free!**

One: Blessed be the God of Israel,

**All: who shows unfailing love and mercy toward us!**

One: Blessed be the God of Israel,

**All: whose light breaks into our darkness,  
and illuminates the path of peace before us.**

One: Go from here in the light and love of God. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

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*Thanks to all who participated in today's service!*

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We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world. As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **coffee or tea**, hosted by Alice Carey and Holly Hu, and **conversation** with friends in the **Gymnasium** downstairs.  
Blessings! Go with God!