

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

🎵 Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

What Child Is This ... Gerald Dick

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

All: we can see a better world.

One: When we close our eyes,

All: we can dream a better dream.

One: But when we open our eyes,

All: we begin the work of faith.

One: The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,

All: we can see a better world.

One: When we enter this space,

All: we dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave this space,

All: we begin the work of faith.

One: So come in. Dream your dream.

All: Find hope and peace here.

One: For when we leave,

All: we will begin the work of faith.

One: Let it be so.

Candle Lighting | The Candle of Hope · Cora Canites

* 🎵 Hymn of Praise · Prepare the Way

No. 13

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we wish that peace was something we could buy. We wish that peace could be ordered in a subscription service, found on a map, downloaded in an app, or voted for on a ballot. We wish that peace was as easy as a one-time choice when we are feeling our best. However, peace involves everyday decisions over and over, whether or not we are feeling our best. So today we confess, as a community of faith, that we need your help in this Advent season. Prepare the way for greater peace, and teach us how to be a part of it. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri

No. 579

* Candle Lighting | The Candle of Peace · Julie Larsen

* Passing of The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading · Shari Plunkett

Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg. 1119)

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♪ **Solo** · Leland Morine

Sussex Carol ... Arr. Dale Wood

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8 (pg. 1551)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

“Those Who Dream...*Prepare the Way*”

Second in the Series “Those Who Dream”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* ♪ **Hymn of Response** · What Child is This?
No. 53

Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

* ♪ **Closing Hymn** · Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
No. 8

* **Benediction**

* ♪ **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

♪ **Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying ... Michael Burkhardt