

**December 06, 2020
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

Centering

A Blessing of Peace

Chiming of the Hour

Lighting of the Advent Candle (The Bambergs)

Reader 1: We dream God's dream, of a world at peace

Reader 2: Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;

Reader 1: Where the poor and powerless find justice.

Reader 2: We remember God's promise of a Ruler of Peace,

Reader 1: Filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,

Reader 2: Of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.

Reader 1: We light this Advent candle, and we pray: Come Lord Jesus!
Open our lives to the Peace which you bring;
let us turn to you, and get ready!

The Lord's Prayer (Lori Bamberg?)

....Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hearing

Hymn of Praise No. 87 - "Arise, Your Light has Come"

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

A Reading from the Old Testament – Isaiah 40: 1-5 (Quinn)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

This is the word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

A Moment for Children (Lamar Bradley)

A Time of Reflection

Peace is not something you wish for, it is something you do, and something you give away.
-Robert Fughum

Worship in Song – Drew and Kim Jones "Sleeping Adonai"

A Reading from the Psalms– Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (Mindy)

LORD, you've been kind to your land; you've changed Jacob's circumstances for the better. You've forgiven your people's wrongdoing; you've covered all their sins. I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants- but let them not turn to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

This is the word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Devotion - "Let 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 as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Sermon

Jim Evans

"Waiting for Peace"

Responding Silence and Meditation

Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world.

-Etty Hillesum

Hymn of Response No. 96 - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

Enacting

Benediction and Blessing

Hymn of Parting "An Old Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Postlude