



December 6, 2020. 2nd Sunday of Advent. Narrative Lectionary week 13 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle of PEACE

How do we embrace the mystery? How do we embrace the mystery of peace? We remember the prophet Joel who spoke of weeping and mourning in the face of destruction. His words are still hard to hear. We remember his brutal honesty in the midst of chaos. Through Joel we hear God calling us to return with authentic hearts ready to change. Peace only comes with the courage to tell the truth and honestly lament. On the other side of fasting, weeping, and sorrow, there is a peace that surpasses all understanding. On this Second Sunday of Advent God meets us in the mystery. Thanks be to God.

Hanging of the Chrismon

Hymn #393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Musical Offering Olinda Gunther
"Lo How a Rose E're Blooming"
by Distler, arr. by Liebergen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Joel 2: 12-13, 28-29 (CEB) Judy Shryack

12-13 Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your hearts,
with fasting, with weeping, and with sorrow;
tear your hearts
and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is merciful and compassionate,
very patient, full of faithful love,
and ready to forgive.

28-29 After that I will pour out my spirit upon
everyone;
your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.
In those days, I will also pour out my
spirit on the male and female slaves.

Sermon "Turn to God" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #234 "O Come All Ye Faithful"
vs. 1,2,3,6

Invitation to Embrace Peace

Hymn #249 "There's a Song in the Air"

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Dec. 13	The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me	Isaiah 61:1-11
Dec. 20	Annunciation	Luke 1:26-45
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	
Dec. 27	Anna and Simeon	Luke 2: 8-20

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Joel 2:13

Return to the Lord, your God, for [God] is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Ezra 1:1-11 & Nehemiah 9:1-3,4-8	Home
Tuesday	Nehemiah 9:1-3,9-15	Remember
Wednesday	Joel 1:13-20 & Nehemiah 9:1-3,16-21	Everything Awry
Thursday	Ezra 6:13-22	The Goat at the Party
Friday	Nehemiah 8:1-12	Gus
Saturday	Nehemiah 12:27-43; 9:1-3, 32-37	Straying

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** The prophet, Joel, reminds the people to repent, to say "sorry" for the mistakes they have made, and God promises to forgive. What have you done today that you should ask forgiveness for? Who should you forgive?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Isaiah's words bring hope and comfort to a people who were in captivity, and now resettling in their homeland. When did you feel stuck today? When did you feel free?