We Listen for God's Word

Heaven's Gonna Touch the Earth **Anthem - Solo by Aaron Shatters:** (Parker Lanz)

Scripture Background

Scripture Lessons: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and until the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Message: Prep Time Pastor Mark Gregory

Preparing for a Week of Serving

*The Closing Hymn: Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

Chalice Hymnal #136

~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

*The Blessing, Alleluia & Benediction:

| Offerings for D | ecember 10, 2017 | Worship A | Assistants for December |
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| Operating Designated Attendance | | Church Guardians Fred Dickson (12/3) Jeff Farren (12/10) Andy Hamblin (12/17) Becky Jerabek (12/24) | Greeters: 12/3 - Andy & Pam Hamblin w/ DJ Melhouse & Greyson Tsusaki Acolyte: Aidan Donahue |
| Postlude: | Tina Andersen | Jeff Kline (12/31) Liturgist: Jim Davis | 12/10 - Gere Ryerson & Sandy deRidder w/Chanel Bravo & Cayla Pottinger Acolyte: Mariana Olvera |
| | | | 12/17 - Ron & Deb Bezroukoff w/ Luke DeFuss & Owen Shatters Acolyte: Alexia Prochaska |
| | | | 12/24 @ 10am - Jo Pierce & Tess Tsusaki 12/24 @ 10pm - JoAnn Vitek & Jean Anderson 12/31 - Art Prochaska & Linda Melhouse |



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Worship: 10:00 A.M.

December 10, 2017



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without." ~Buddha

"Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace." ~Albert Schweitzer

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing." **~C. S. Lewis**

We Gather Together

Prelude: Tina Andersen

Lighting the Path Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Introit: Celebrate the Child (Rouse)

Call to Worship

Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

People: We find sustaining comfort in the midst of daily struggle.

Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

People: We find joyous comfort in the promise of daily blessing.

Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

People: We find empowering comfort in the grace of daily service.

Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

People: We find trustworthy comfort in God's surprising timing.

Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.

All: We find holy comfort in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of

God.

Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful Chalice Hymnal #148

Children's Message Mission Moment

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent: Peace The Gawne Family

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the first Candle of Advent — the Candle of

Hope. (The Candle of Hope is lighted again)

Today we light the second candle, the Candle of Peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent,

we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

People: We Light the Candle of Peace!

Leader: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the

hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.

People: Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes

from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we

may walk in the light of Christ

*The Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace:

With a "Holy Hug" or a "Holy Handshake," we greet those around us as a sharing of God's love with the words, "Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you."

Jubilation Choir: Little Baby Jesus (Thygerson)

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

***Please pray for members of our congregation, their friends and families.

Dee Cruise Sandy Lindblom Marie Wayne Bill Andersen Brad Andrus Bob Freeman Mazié Marshall Michelle Atwood Mary Freeman Jean Martin Michael Heinrich Bill Behrens Ed Niesen Joanne O'Brien Hornbuckle Family Lvnn Belcher Mary Cass Joe Hudgins Ethel Perkins Norm Kuhman Sandy Veselka Doc Coleman

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Come and See the Newborn King (Johnson)

Responding to God's Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

Offertory Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

Chalice Hymnal #480

*The Presentation - The Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:

God, generation after generation, your prophets called people to lives of grace and generosity, to lives shining with your presence. I know their voices still speak today, and they call me to live with grace and generosity, shining with your holy presence. So I bring you my treasures, my time, my hands, my life and ask that you bless it all so that all may be used to bless all creation and grow your Kingdom on earth. In the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.