

Visions United Spirit Gathering
November 28th, 2021
The Inn - Housing the Holy
Advent 2: "A Place at the Table (Peace)"

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music/Prelude O Little Town of Bethlehem *Daphna Pearson, Piano*
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Welcome & Acknowledgement of Land *Shawn Redden*

God's Doors Are Open to All!
Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts
 Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
 races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
 sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Sharing of WOW moments *Shawn Redden*

We Open the Door Peace Waits for Us at Advent *Soloist: Trudy Colpitts*
 Words/Music: Amanda Udis-Kessler

Lighting the Advent Candle: Peace
Claudia Schaerer & Fernand Daigle

Song Peace Waits for Us at Advent Words/Music: Amanda Udis-Kessler. Used with permission

Peace waits for us at Advent
 Peace waits for us to rest.
 Peace waits for our acceptance
 of the truth that we are blessed.
 In this time of preparation
 for the work of co-creation,
 for the birthing of a world
 of gentleness and play.
 Peace is born in us each day!

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Carol (standing) VU#9 People Look East (vs.1, 4 & 5)
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We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages *Brian Botten*
 Response - "We make room for Jesus"

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Make room for peace.
 Make room for peace.
 Jesus is coming, make room for peace.
(Children's Advent program begins)

Wisdom Readings Baruch 5:1-5

Brian Botten

Reflection

Shawn Redden

Special Music Video O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1&2)

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Video: UCC Advent Unwrapped

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQDu-SgFb3RjsK9BdbbYkwAvI_3hLsUn-

Verse 1

O come and be the hope in all our lives
Though chaos and confusion still survive
We know the path of hate all too well
We need our God with us, Emmanuel!
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

Verse 2 (for Advent 2)

O come and bring your peace upon the earth
That even now still longs for its rebirth
We seek to live and move in your ways
Guide us to peace and justice all our days
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

A Story of Inn-keeping

Shawn Redden

A Conversation with Kerri Flemming - Affordable Housing Manager, John Howard Society

Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts

(Offering gifts brought forward)

Prayers of the People

Sung Response

Make of My Heart a Stable

Lead; John Pearson

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**Make of my heart a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for peace to live and grow.**

Spoken Prayer

Brian Botten

Sung Response

Make of My Heart a Stable

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**Make of my life a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for peace to live and grow.**

Spoken Prayer

Brian Botten

Sung Response Make of My Heart a Stable

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**Make of our church a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for peace to live and grow.**

Spoken Prayer

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Announcements

Shawn Redden

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Story of A Christmas Carol

Brian Botten

“ Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not
The love-song, which they bring:
O hush the noise, and cease your strife,
And hear the angels sing!”

***Carol (standing)** VU#44 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

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Blessing

Shawn Redden

Postlude Music for the Journey

***Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***