

**Visions United Spirit Gathering  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – Advent 2 (Peace)  
How Does a Weary World Rejoice?  
*We Find Joy in Connection***

\* *Stand as able*

**Our Community Gathers**

**Gathering Music/Prelude**

**Acknowledgement of Land**

*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**

\***Carol** (*standing*)    VU#5 All Earth is Waiting    Words: Gertrude C. Suppe©1989 The United Methodist  
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**Gathering Invitation**

Response: All earth is waiting...

**The Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – Peace**    *Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.*

One: How does a weary world practice peace?

**All: By listening before we speak  
and saying sorry when we need to.**

One: By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor.  
By practicing Sabbath and forgiveness and reconciliation.

**All: By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.**

One: There are a million ways to practice peace.

So today we light the candle of peace as a reminder and a charge.

**All: With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.**

\***Advent Song** (*standing*)    An Advent Dream    Words: Peter Lightfoot. Music: Zhang Shuai  
(Snowflakes, Snowflakes 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games)

Peace is the dream - - that comes from above.  
Peace is a dream that we all - - need more of.  
Peace is a dream - - that comes from the Dove.  
Peace is our dream, from our hope, joy, and love.

*Chorus:*

Angels, angels singing in the night,  
Waking to - coming to - bringing in the light:  
Angels, angels – here the babe you see:  
Gloria, gloria – here for you and me.

