



**Order of Worship**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**10:50 am**  
**December 6th, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Centering Music**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

**Opening Hymn**                    ***"People, Look East"***

*People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.*

*Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.*

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.*

*Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.*

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch.*

*When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.*

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels announce with shouts of mirth*

*him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

## **The Apostles Creed**

## **Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

## **Joys**

**Anthem** *Prepare Thyself, Zion* -J.S. Bach

**Scripture** **Mark 1:1-8**

**Sermon** **Preparing the Way - The Ballad of John the Baptist**

**Closing Hymn** ***"O Little Town of Bethlehem"***

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears  
of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.  
For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth!  
How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.*

*No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls  
will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.*

*We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!*

**Closing Song**

***“Let There Be Peace on Earth”***

**Benediction**

**Postlude**