

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hope Candles

Lighting the First Candle of Advent: The Candle of Hope

(lit by Julien Davis & Sandra Bornemann and family)

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent: The Candle of Peace

(lit by Johanna Rosolen & Winslow Duyan and family)

Introit: "Hope is a Star" VU #7 vs 2

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Come, all you people of God, holy creations, wholly God's,
with our holey and ragged lives.

God's loving grace makes us whole.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the journey toward
Christmas began. On this second Sunday of Advent, we lift
up the peace that Jesus brings.

**Prepare our heart, mind, soul, and our homes, to
welcome God's child.**

Come to trust, listen, believe, and imagine all the
possibilities as God comes into our lives and into our world.

We come, O God, we come.

Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" VU #44 vs 1,4

Opening Prayer

Listening

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Of the Father's Love"

Sermon: **Forest Comfort**

Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River" VU #577 vs 1

Celebrating

Minute for Mission: **The Affirming Committee**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" VU #38

Commissioning

Benediction:

May God's love make you increase in love for one another;
may Jesus teach you how to live in God's ways; and may the
Spirit strengthen your hearts, as you ready yourselves for
Jesus' birth once again. We go in peace to love and serve,
this day, and everyday. Amen.

Music as We Depart