



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**White Gift Sunday**

**Music as We Gather**

### Gathering

**\*Introit:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220 x1

### **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

The second candle on the Advent Wreath we light is the Candle of Peace. It's the Peace we find by having the courage to stand in solidarity with others whose path is unfairly made more difficult. It's the Peace we find through our resilience to continue the journey together with friend or stranger, and as a faith family, even when the going is difficult. In our faith we become the very Christ centred embodiment of Peace as it shapes our thoughts, our actions, and our words, while we actively wait for the Peace that God holds for us.

**Holy and patient God, fill us with a yearning to live  
out our desire to be the Peace our world so needs.  
Our Peace is in you. Come Jesus, come.**

**\*Hymn:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220 x1

### **Recognition of the Land**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

**Welcome and Announcements**

### **\* Call to Worship:**

We gather together

**in the name of the One who gives us Hope.**

We gather together

**to hear the words of the One who teaches Peace.**

We gather together

**to sing praises of the One who gives us  
unconditional love.**

We gather together

**to uplift the spirit of the One who inspires joy.**

Come, let us worship!

**\*Hymn:** "Hope is a Star" VU #7

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Membership Transfer**

#### Listening

### **Scripture:**

Matthew 6:1-4 (ICB) *Concerning Almsgiving*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn:** "Will You Come and See the Light" VU #96

### **White Gift Play: Mouse's Christmas Gift**

*Offered by Orchard Valley's Youth and Adult Players*

**\*Hymn:** "O Holy Night"

**Special Music: We Are Blessed** Carlson and Wright  
*Offered by Caroline Burton and Breaden Woods*

**Message: Peace Prevails**

*Pastor Katie Logan*

**\* Hymn:** "When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides" MV #169

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:**        “In the Bleak Midwinter”        VU #55 vs.4

### **Offertory Prayer:**

**God of Peace, through these gifts we offer, we pray  
that they may aid peace to come to our troubled  
world. Help us to build peace with justice,  
wherever our lives touch others. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

**\* Hymn:**        “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”        VU #684

### **\* Commissioning**

### **\* Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\* Hymn:**        “Amen”        VU #967