

The Thanksgiving: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" LUYH 69:1,2

A Time to Live

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Canticle of Simeon"

**Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.**

**Almighty Father, hear our cry through Christ the only Son,
whom in the Spirit we adore for ages without end.**

Words: Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-35) James Quinn, SI

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December 18, 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT PEACE

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Jill Friend ♦ Guitar: Rob Haan ♦ Candlelighter: Naomi Ploegstra
Worship Leaders: Melissa Bailey, Rebecca DeVries ♦ Readers: Donahue family
Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ Video: Terry Friend ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

A Time for Peace

Welcome & Candlelighting: Isaiah 52:7-12 p.1144

Prayer of Invocation

*Song: "Come Light Our Hearts"

Chorus: For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.

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Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You.

*1. O Lord of life, our only hope,
your radiance shines on all who look to you in the dark.
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts. (to chorus)*

*2. O Joy above all other loves, in you we find more than enough.
We come as we are, O heal and restore.
Come light our hearts. (to chorus)*

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" LUYH 59

A Time for Renewal

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.
We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else.
We need a Savior, who brings peace to our world.
Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.
O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.**

Choral Song: "Dona Nobis Pacem/Grant Us Your Peace"

Words of Peace

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

Prayers for the Church and World

A Time to Listen

Children's Blessing: "Soon and Very Soon" LUYH 482:1

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:1-17 p.1076

Message: "Presence and Peace" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: Savior of the Nations, Come" LUYH 74:1-4,6

A Time for Feasting

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.

Communion Songs: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LUYH 821

"What Child Is This" LUYH 95:1,2

"What Feast of Love" LUYH 96:1,2