

Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for the Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

*If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby
and light it as part of the service.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

***Prayer: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and people.
Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as
you are. Amen***

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Mark 1: 1-8

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here;
Life and salvation doth He bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now! Creator, wise art Thou!

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, Until our glorious goal be won!
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy Name.

Benediction & Sending Forth