



PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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LEADER:

On this Second Sunday in the season of Advent, we focus our attention on **PEACE**. We remember that God is Peace and from Him alone can we receive the peace we need when days are stormy and trials stir up the waters around us. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are empowered to tranquilize the world with a peaceful response to hate, indifference, and intolerance. God has already removed from us the spirit of fear, and given us His peace to calm the emotions we experience when we turn our attention to the violence and instabilities in these times. Today in solidarity, we affirm that we will not be shaken or discouraged by what we see and hear around us, but in a collective determination we will live out the power of God's peace within us.

The two candles are lit.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER:

O Emmanuel – God with us, give us boldness to live with peace despite the turmoil in our midst. When fear and discomfort overtake us, listen to our heartbeats and quiet them with Your comforting presence. Give us boldness in this Advent Season to trample on fear and intimidation, and increase our desire to spend more time in prayer. Give us courage to examine our lives and seek You more and more for restoration. We pray that we will live in peace with each other, bearing witness of Your forgiveness, love, and power so that on Your return, You will find us as a reconciled people. In Jesus Name we pray, *Amen*.