



Falmouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation



10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**GOD'S REVOLUTION OF LOVE**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

Ray Cornils

Arr. Leo Sowerby

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRELUDE**

“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

Ray Cornils

by Gerald Near

**CALL TO WORSHIP &**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE<sup>1</sup>**

The Pond Family

One: God of Peace, we pray for our world so full of war and rumors of war

**All: Give us courage to become warriors for peace,**

One: To make peace, to protect peace, to be peace

**All: God of Shalom, let us prepare our hearts and world for Your advent.**

*The second candle is lit, symbolizing Peace.*

**All: May we be people of peace, in our homes, our community, our world.**

One: Come, Prince of Peace, Come.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: When Mary was with child the world viewed her with suspicion.

**All: We admit that we, too, struggle to believe other's truths, and even silence the knowledge of our own hearts.**

One: As Joseph and Mary searched for a place to shelter, the world closed its doors.

**All: We confess that we, too, close ourselves off from the suffering of this world, choosing apathy over empathy and ignorance over engagement.**

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship inspired our 2021 Advent devotional, *Advent in Full Color*, which is available in Fellowship Hall

One: When Jesus was born the powerful attacked his family, trying to stamp out the hope he promised.

**All: We realize that we, too, participate in systems that oppress the vulnerable. We, too, are afraid to fully embrace the hope that God offers us.**

One: Emmanuel, God with us, forgive us our trespasses and open our hearts.

**All: So that on Christmas Day we will be ready to receive You in our midst and our lives may be testaments of the Christmas Story.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us remember: Christ came to earth so that we might be redeemed.

**All: There is nothing we can do, think, or say, that can separate us from our God who loves us.**

One: Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah!**

**HYMN**                                      “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”                                      Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE**                                      Luke 3:1-18                                      Mark Horton

**THE SERMON**                                                                           Rev. Edson

**ANTHEM**                                      “Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”                                      Chancel Choir  
    Michael Praetorius

## THE FEAST OF COMMUNION

### PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to offer thanks and praise**

### RETELLING THE STORY

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER SUNG**

**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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**HYMN**                            “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn”                            Chancel Choir

### **BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                            “Go in Peace”

**POSTLUDE**                            “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”                            Ray Cornils  
Georg Boehm

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**If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.**

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:                            The Rev. Amelia Edson, Settled Pastor  
Music:                                Ray Cornils  
Ushers:                                Jim Parr & Carol Kauffman  
Kids' Church:                        Kristen Tripp  
Liturgist:                            Mark Horton  
Communion Helpers:                Steve & Kim Hendry  
Online Worship:                      Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

### **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Zeph 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18