

“Anticipate Sacred Presence”

December 2nd, 2018

Renton Congregation, Planner: Nan Sargeant

Meditation Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to the Peace of Advent (*prayer for peace will be read as part of the Advent moment; See ATTACHED.*)

*Hymn Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus CCS 400

*Prayer of Welcome

*Organ Response

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Ministry of Music

Disciples Generous Response

Receiving and Blessing of our Offerings

Hymn of Hope We Wait in Hope for the Lord CCS 267

Waiting, Anticipating, Sacred Presence

Instrumental Meditation

(maybe use one of the new Christmas hymns to introduce to congregation)

Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine

Pastoral Response

*Hymn Angels We Have Heard On High CCS _____

*Benediction (**SEE ATTACHED.**)

*Response

Postlude

PEACE MOMENT, DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

Invitation

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this sacred space where you are invited to "Become a people of the Temple—those who see violence but proclaim peace, who feel conflict yet extend the hand of reconciliation, who encounter broken spirits and find pathways for healing."

---Doctrine and Covenants 161:2a

Today in our prayers we remember the people of Serbia, situated between Central and Southeast Europe and landlocked by countries including Hungary, Romania, Croatia, Bosnia and Macedonia.

Prayer for Peace

Virginia Schrunk

All praise to the Divine Power propelling the universe yet loving and concerned for each of us. Some of us are entering a season set apart to proclaim our joy and our hope in the Prince of Peace. Others in the world give special remembrance to their Deity other times of the year, but they too are yearning for a peaceful existence. Help us to extend these special times to all time.

Each person is making an impact on a few others but even together our impact has not been enough to create relationships worthy of being called peaceful. We get involved in our own personal wants. We try to compete for your favor even when we declare you are God, the light of all people. Help us to be at peace and to bring peace to others. We say the earth is created for all. You have given it to our care, but we have desecrated it for personal gain. Forgive our selfishness in thought and action.

May we reach beyond our selves and give praise and thanksgiving for the power and love which created us, and which gives us purpose for each day.

We pray for conditions of peace for the earth and for each of us on the planet earth. We do not want to limit your purposes and stifle your creativity. We want to live in your way and with your peace. Help us to proclaim and to be the message of the Prince of Peace to our part of your world. Amen.

Benediction:

Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely-led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church.

When your willingness to live in sacred community as Christ's new creation exceeds your natural fear of spiritual and relational transformation, you will become who you are called to be. The rise of Zion the beautiful, the peaceful reign of Christ, awaits your wholehearted response to the call to make and steadfastly hold to God's covenant of peace in Jesus Christ.

Expand the church's restoring ministries, especially those devoted to asserting the worth of persons, protecting the sacredness of creation, and relieving physical and spiritual suffering.

Embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.

Now may our God make you to increase in love to one another and to all people and establish your hearts blameless in holiness. In the name of Emmanuel, God-with-us, amen.

---Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a-d and Thessalonians 3:12-13, adapted