

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**  
**Worship Service on the Second Sunday of Advent**

*December 6, 2020*

Prelude: *This Gift of Christmas* – Todd Beaney

Call to Worship

A voice cries in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.  
Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.  
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

Prayer of the Day

**Loving God, you sent your prophet John  
to prepare your way among us,  
to call us to repentance and make our  
pathways straight.  
Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love  
and faithfulness  
as we await the Messiah’s return,  
that all may see your reign of peace  
through your just and gracious rule. Amen.**

Advent Candle: Peace

*Reflection by Nora Sandquist*

Hymn: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Prayers of Intercession

**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.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1–11

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: Peace

*Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley*

Invitation to the Table

Hymn: Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is right to lift up thanks and praise.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Hymn: Prepare the Way, O Zion

Charge

Blessing

Postlude: I Wonder as I Wander – C. E. Walz

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Jeff Sandquist.*