

December 20, 2020



**Lenexa United
Methodist Church**

WELCOME

One: God is good...

All: All the time!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever.*

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In these darkening days,

All: we come seeking peace.

One: We seek serenity within ourselves.

All: We seek harmony within our families.

One: We seek goodwill among our neighbors.

All: We seek a ceasefire among all nations.

One: We seek not just the absence of conflict,

All: but the presence of shalom—

One: the abiding peace,

All: the healing life,

One: the unrelenting justice

All: that God calls us to in Christ.

Let us worship with Divine hope.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Lord, in a season when every heart should be
happy and peaceful, many of us are struggling
with the heaviness of life— burdens that steal
the joy right out of our stockings.*

We need your peace, Jesus.

**We confess that our hearts are
too often filled with wonder of a different kind:
wondering when the bills will be paid,
when peace will come, when rest will come.
Will it ever? Is the message still true?**

**In a world where worry, not peace, prevails,
stir up that good news again.**

This Advent, make it real in our hearts.

**Never have we needed Your joy and peace
more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus,
our Immanuel, the Word made flesh.**

Amen.