



the inn

Peace

HOUSING THE HOLY

December 5, 2021

“There is a Spot for All”

Baruch 5:1-5, Matthew 11:25-30

**THORNDALE
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All Are Welcome!

*"For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God."*

Baruch 5:7

+Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Tim Eaton

WELCOME & GREETING

Pastor Shauna

THRESHOLD

Pastor Shauna

Like the childhood game of "musical chairs," we are convinced that there are not enough places at the table. And so we shrink the guest list just in case there is not enough, and we scramble to occupy the chairs first. And yet our sacred texts invite us to imagine and make real the gathering of all people to the table, robed in the garments of a Peace that comes with justice. This is what really matters—this is the fruit of what is right and good.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we offer the Light of Peace to illumine the Door of Welcome.
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.
May Peace awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Faust

Leader: Peace waits for us at Advent

People: Peace waits for us to rest.

Leader: Peace waits for our acceptance of the truth that we are blessed.

People: In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,

Leader: for the birthing of a world of gentleness and play.

ALL: Peace is born in us each day!

+PASSING THE PEACE

Cheryl Faust

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: As we continue to worship with praise and thanksgiving,
I invite you to pass a "wave" of peace to the people around you
and to the people worshipping at home.

+TIME OF PRAISE

Joy, Unspeakable Joy

Tim Eaton

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

FIRST READING—Baruch 5:1-5

Cheryl Faust

*Take off your mourning clothes and oppression, Jerusalem!**Dress yourself in the dignity of God's glory forever.**Wrap the justice that comes from God around yourself like a robe.**Place the eternal one's glory on your head like a crown.**God will show your brilliance everywhere under heaven.**God will give you this name by which to be called forever:**The Peace That Comes from Justice, The Honor That Comes from Reverence for God!**Get up, Jerusalem! Stand on the high place, and look around to the east!**See your children gathered from the west to the east by the holy one's word,
as they rejoice that God has remembered them.***SECOND READING—Matthew 11:25-30**

Cheryl Faust

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE*****"There is a Spot for All"***

Brian Moulton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Shauna

STORY OF INNKEEPING

Pastor Shauna

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY*****Freedom was Born***

Tim Eaton

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cheryl Faust

God of grace and peace, when we open the doors of our hearts to your goodness, we're able to offer our gifts to you with glad and grateful hearts. May what we offer you this day, help to make our church a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Shauna

CLOSING CAROL***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear***

Tim Eaton

+BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Tim Eaton

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**MESSAGE**

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:**MUSIC**

Tim Eaton

GREETER

Hannah Smith

LITURGIST

Cheryl Faust

ATTENDANCE

Hannah Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

USHER 1

Wayne Barrows

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

USHER 2

Pete Scotti

Terry Moore