



GATHERING TIME

Please greet one another as we prepare for prayer.

OPENING MUSIC

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

INVOCATION AND OPENING PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Two: **And also with you!**

One: God dwells in our hearts, our minds and the deepest corners of our being. Here and now we let go of all our distractions that we may again discover that truth. Together, we pray:

Two: **Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know that I
Be still and know that
Be still and know
Be still and
Be still**

We enter into a time of silence. Do not worry if your mind wanders; we are like God's children who have crawled into God's lap; we remain in God's lap, caressed and cared for even when our minds wander elsewhere.

SCRIPTURE READING AND REFLECTION

After the reading enjoy a brief time of reflection. When invited, please say a word or phrase that had particular meaning for you (please do not add explanation). There will be no specific order—simply share as the spirit moves you. Following the sharing we will read the passage again so that you might hear it anew.

11/30—Isaiah 2:1-5

12/7—Isaiah 11:1-5

12/14—Isaiah 35:1-4

12/21—Isaiah 7:10-16

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYER REQUESTS

As a community we share our joys and concerns. We will pray them up to God and you are encouraged to hold them in your hearts in the week to come.

Prayers of gratitude.

Prayers for ourselves/those we love.

Prayers for the community/world.

MUSIC

CALLING TO BE LIGHT

SENDING PRAYER

A prayer written by Father Henri J. M. Nowen

**Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
for Christmas.**

**We who have so much to do
Seek quiet spaces to hear your voice.**

**We who are anxious over many things
Look forward to your coming among us.**

**We who are blessed in so many ways
Long for the complete joy of your kingdom.**

**We whose hearts are heavy
Seek the joy of your presence.**

**We are your people walking in darkness yet
seeking the light.**

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

SHARING PEACE