

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Imagine Peace*

*December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

"What does the essence of 'peace' look like for you? What images come to mind? What steps can we take to make these images a reality, for ourselves and for our neighbors?"  
-from the Poetry of Advent: An Advent Companion to Mary Oliver's "Devotions"



Caiphas Nxumalo (South African, 1940–2002), *John the Baptist*, 1970. Linocut.

## GATHERING

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Hymn** *Creator of the Stars of Night* **VT 236**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**Candle Lighting** *We Light a Candle for Peace* **VT 916**

**Scripture** Malachi 3:1-3 (translated by David Moser)

**Hymn** *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* **VT 219**

**The Poet's Word** *First Snow* by Mary Oliver

**Scripture** Luke 1:68-79 *Zechariah's Song* (translated by David Moser)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **Offering**

### **Sharing our lives and our prayers**

### **Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *Silent Night, Holy Night* **VT 244**  
*Still, Still, Still* **VT 264**

### **Benediction**

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