

## Hear Wisdom's Voice!

### Advent Candle Lighting Service Second Sunday of Advent

**HYMN**      **There's a Voice in the Wilderness** *verse 1*

**TNCH 120**

Leader One: Our homes and our world are under siege with information:  
Television and telemarketing; blogs and texting;  
So much information often bearing too little wisdom.  
Angry voices compelling hate;  
Quiet voices counseling complacency;  
Mechanical voices offering “deals”--  
Too much information! Too little wisdom!

**People:**      **Confusion surrounds us; Truth gets lost.**

Leader Two: We call out in our confusion:

**People:**      **Where is your Wisdom, O God?  
Where is the word that leads to life?**

Leader One: We remind our selves of our ancient story:

John, Zachariah’s son, out in the desert at the time,  
received a message from God.  
He went all through the country around the Jordan River  
preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins,  
as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:  
“...prepare God’s arrival! Make [God’s] road smooth and straight!”

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Leader Two: Let us light this second candle of Advent, a candle of Peace.  
In its light, let us think, quietly and peacefully, about what voices  
of true life-change and forgiveness  
are speaking in our world right now.  
In a few words, let’s share those voices with each other.

**People:**      *Share briefly*

Leader One: Let this candle of Advent Peace shine in our hearts all week  
And remind us to enter times of quiet and peace in order to listen,  
through the noise of our lives, for the call to prepare for the Holy One.

SONG

The Universe is Bending

Sing! Prayer and Praise 88

The Universe is bending,  
Stretching long and stretching out,  
Embracing all our struggles with  
Gentle arms of Hope.

The Universe is bending,  
Stretching long and stretching out  
And it's leading toward Freedom  
By the Clear Light of Love.

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