

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT A way through JOY

December 15, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

## **GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF JOY**

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

**REFLECTIVE CALL TO JOY** 

Lonnie Buerge and Seth Campbell

Jennifer Bailey says this of joy and Advent: "I belong to a faith tradition that is all about revolutionary hope and joy, always orienting itself towards a notion of resurrection, not resurrection that is born of platitudes, but a deep reckoning with sorrow and death — and that we imagine something different, that we can begin to live into something different." Joy knows sorrow and yet leans toward the light.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE, Creator of the Stars of Night

Lonnie Buerge, worship leader

To us a Child of hope is born

## LISTENING FOR AND LEARNING ABOUT JOY

#### CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN SUNG RESPONSE:



**SCRIPTURE** 

Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:39-56

ANTHEM (see translation on back of bulletin)

**SERMON** 

**HYMN #11 SS** 

No wind at the window

## **RESPONDING AND SHARING IN JOY**

## SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

## SHARING CONCERNS

WELCOME

\*HYMN #189

Ave Maria

Heneni

Biebl

Mike Horner

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.



## OFFERING

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor <u>before</u> the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts, a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn mor eabout the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD WITH JOY

\*HYMN #124 SS

My soul cries out

## \*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Please remain standing for the postlude.

\*POSTLUDE

\* You may stand.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal. As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

Anthem Translation:

The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, let it be according to Thy word. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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