



Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter, mystery
of light that is born in the dark; laughter at
hearing the voice of an angel, ever so near,
casting out fear.

-From Sing the Story #15

**RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 17, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Outdoor carol sing – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sallie Page-Goertz

*HYMN #172
St. 1-5

O come, O come Emmanuel

Todd Zehner and Caleb Stoltzfus, candlelighters

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Keith Jantz

*As the children move the crèche figures forward, please join in the refrain below
in canon as directed*

Canon

1 G C D7 G 2 G C D7 G
Ma-gni-fi-cat, Ma-gni-fi-cat, Ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.*

3 G C D7 G 4 G C D7 G
Ma - gni-fi-cat, Ma-gni-fi-cat, Ma - gni-fi-cat a - ni-ma me - a!

ANTHEMS

*How Great our Joy!
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Rutter

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Luke 1:26-38

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION ON LUKE 1: 47-55

By Rachel Held Evans
read by Carrie Parsons and Tanya Ortman

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Please turn to SS #13 for the text

Sing we a song of high revolt
Vicky Kaufman, solo

SERMON

Have yourself a Mary, Mary Christmas!

*HYMN STS #124

My soul cries out

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register 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 at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN #318

Joy to the World

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “STS” 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.

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