ADVENT 3 December 15, 2024



Artist Elle Payne

Crying out hope, peace, joy, and love in the (be)wilderness Joy | Farah | Alegria | Simcha



Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am Christmas Program Prelude begins at 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Mark Hayes Nancy Bosché, pianist

CALL TO ADVENT: A VOICE OF JOY CRIES OUT

Isaiah 40:3-5, 28 retold

Lonnie Buerge & Carmen Shelly

LIGHTING CANDLES OF JOY

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Our light sculpture at the front was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas. This year we will light a different section for each Sunday of Advent. Today's lights are for **joy**.

Light a candle of peace, light a candle of love | Light a candle that shines, all around the world Light a candle for me, light a candle for you | That our wish for world peace will one day come true.

Sing peace around the world

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Lonnie Buerge

*HYMN VT 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

WE YEARN FOR JOY

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-55

ANTHEM The Angel Gabriel Basque carol, arr. MacDonald

SERMON Filled with the Spirit

*HYMN VT 246

Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song

WE SHARE JOY AND SORROW WITHIN THE (BE)WILDERNESS

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

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 Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Edward Broughton If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH JOY

*HYMN VT 247

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

*SENDING FORTH

One: The Lord gives *joy* to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

All: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*POSTLUDE Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. David Cherwien

^{*}You are welcome to stand.

Anthem: *The Angel Gabriel*. Traditional Basque carol, tr. Sabine Baring-Gould. Music arr. by Sarah MacDonald.

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame. "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary," "most highly favoured Lady," Gloria.

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee," "Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold," "Most highly favoured Lady," Gloria.

Of her Emmanuel the Christ was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn. And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: Most highly favoured Lady. Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name," Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

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