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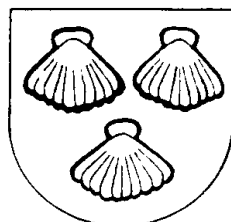
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December 10, 2023
9:30 am
“Being Present With Joy”

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We Celebrate Our Presence Together: Gathering

Prelude "Savior of the Nations, Come" (UMH 214) J. S. Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude
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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"What Can I Give Him?"

Chancel Choir

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a Wise One, I would do my part;

Yet what can I give Him? I will give my heart.

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Becoming Present - The Advent Ritual

Eddie Candee

Liturgist: We unwrap a present on this third Sunday of Advent with great anticipation for the gift that God will reveal.

People: We open our hearts as we open the gift!

Liturgist: The promise of Joy is the Divine Gift we receive.

People: And what will we do with it?

Liturgist: The gift of joy is not the equivalent of happiness, but rather the deep conviction that we are called to be present in the work of bringing about "great things" — a better world for those who need it most.

People: We light this Candle of Joy as a sign that we will be Present with Joy in the world.

"What Can I Give Him?" (see lyrics above)

Prayer of Presence

Eddie Candee

Holy Living Light of God,

you are our Joyful Presence.

**Let this joy grow in our lives each day,
so we can be a Present of Joy to others.**

Unwrap and open our hearts.

May it be so.

Amen.

Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

1. Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

2. All the works with joy surround thee
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee

3. Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

4. Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the mortal stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Binding all within its span
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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The Word Present Among Us: Proclaiming

Children's Moment

Jane Ohlmacher

First Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-4; 10

God has sent me to bring good news to those who are poor;
to heal broken hearts;

to proclaim release to those held captive
and liberation to those in prison;

to announce a year of favor from YHWH, and the day of God's vindication; **to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who grieve in Zion —**

to give them a wreath of flowers instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of tears, a cloak of praise instead of despair.

They will be known as trees of integrity, planted by YHWH to display God's glory.

They will restore the ancient ruins,
and rebuild sites long devastated;
they will repair the ruined cities,
neglected for generations...

They will be known as trees of integrity,
planted by YHWH to display God's glory.

I will joyfully exult in YHWH,
who is the joy of my soul!

Scripture

Psalm 126: 1-3 and Luke 1: 41-55

Edie Candee

Hymn

"Joy to the World"

UMH 246

1. Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

2. Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods rock hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found

4. He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love

*Please stand as able

Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

And wonders of his love
And wonders wonders of his love

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Message

“Being Present With Joy”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Reception of New Members

Anna and George Riggin

Fully Present in the Moment: Praying

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Rev. Patricia Abell

“Right Here, Right Now”

Right here and right now we open our senses
to see and perceive the gifts we’ve been given,
to know and believe that what we must do
is open our hearts to let all gifts flow through.

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Offering

***Doxology**

“Doxology for Advent” (Tune: Veni Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: 15th Century French

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Offering Prayer

Present to the World: Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH 240

1. Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

2. Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Please with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings

Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude “Dialogue from Magnificat” (Canticle of Mary- UMH 199) Jean Francois Dandrieu

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Questions for Reflection

Who was a gift of presence to you this week? How did you offer yourself as a gift of presence?
What could you do this coming week that would allow God’s gift of Hope to flow through you to someone else?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Living Light of God,
you are our Joyful Presence.
Let this joy grow in our lives each day,
so we can be a Present of Joy to others.
Unwrap and open our hearts.
May it be so.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day.
Where I failed to do your will, forgive me .Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die,
welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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