

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13
10:45 service



Good morning! Please click [here](#) if you would like to submit a prayer request.

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

People Look East

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Introit

And the Glory of the Lord *from the Messiah*

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

(Isaiah 40:5)

Hymn

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

UMH 215 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

To a maid engaged to Joseph,
The angel Gabriel came.
Fear not, the angel told her,
“I come to bring good news,
Good news I come to tell you,
Good news, I say, good news.

“For you are highly favored
By the God the Lord of all,
Who even now is with you.
You are on earth most blest,
You are most blest, most blessed,
God chose you, you are blest!

“Fear not, for God is with you,
and you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Jesus,
God’s offspring from on high.
And he shall reign forever,
forever reign on high.”

As Mary heard the angel,
she wondered at his words.
“Behold, I am your handmaid,”
she said unto her God.
“So be it; I am ready
according to your word.”

Life of the Community

The Joy of Giving

Call to Worship

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a terrible day.
She left her lunch at home.
She skinned her knee on the playground, and no one wanted to sit with her on the bus.
As she sank into her mother's arms at the end of the day, her mother said,
"Honey, what was the best part of today?"

The little girl cried and said, "Nothing! The entire day was terrible."
So the mother got down on one knee, wiped away her tears and said,
"There is always some good. Sometimes we just really have to look for it."

The little girl looked up at her mom and said, "What is good about today?"
And the mother said, "For starters, you're here in my arms."

Friends, anytime we gather together to worship God, we are here in God's arms.
So may we recognize that gift, and in doing so, may we sow joy.
Let us worship Holy God.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Dr. Harold Jones and Family

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211 vs 3

A: I dream of dance parties in the kitchen.

B: I dream of laughter that is contagious.

A: I dream of birthday candles and another beautiful year.

B: I dream of family game nights and dinner parties with friends.

A: I dream of homemade Halloween costumes and homemade family recipes.

B: I dream of pillow forts, fireflies, and front porch swings.

A: I dream of every little thing that brings joy; and I know it comes from God.

B: So today we light the candle of joy as a reminder that God's dream for this world involves the end of all tears.

A: God's dream for this world involves a joy that overflows and is contagious.

B: So may this fire burn bright, and as it does, may we sing.

A: May we dance.

B: May we laugh.

A: May we hold onto the people we love.

B: May we sow joy in a hurting world, and may it be an act of holy resistance. Amen.

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture	<i>Psalm 126</i>	Nancy Glaser
Hymn	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i>	UMH 198 vs 1,4,5

My soul gives glory to my God,
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
In many marvelous ways.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
Promotes the insecure,
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied;
The rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant
Supports those in distress,
Remembering past promises
With present faithfulness.

VirtuAll Voices	<i>How Many Kings</i>	Marc Martel
Message	<i>Prepare the Way for Peace</i>	Hope Crockett

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,
We are here in your arms.
This is your gift to us so that may we sow joy
so that we may sing.
dance.
laugh.
hold onto the people we love.
May we sow joy in a hurting world, and may it be an act of holy resistance.
Let the gifts we bring to this community of faith sow this joy. Amen.

Offertory	<i>Bereden väg för Herran</i>	Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
Anthem	<i>A Child, My Choice</i>	Music by Eugene Bulter (b.1935) Text by Robert Southwell (1561-159)

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 94

Closing Hymn

Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus

UMH 197 all verses

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sins the vict'ry won,
When God made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.

Blessed were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come;
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the mother,
She who bore him in her womb.

Therefore let all faithful people
Sing the honor of her name;
Let the Church, in her foreshadowed,
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same:

"Magnify, my soul, God's greatness;
In my Savior I rejoice;
All the ages call me blessed,
In his praise I lift my voice;
he has cast down all the mighty,
And the lowly are his choice."

Benediction

Alleluia

UMH 186

Postlude

Awake, Awake for Night is Flying

Paul Manz(1919-2009)

Virtual Coffee & Chat

Join us after the service for a virtual coffee chat! All are welcome.

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