



## Third Sunday of Advent



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice? *We allow ourselves  
to be amazed*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

### THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"O Holy Night" arr. Cindy Berry

Julie Dean, piano

\*Invitation to Worship

Nancy Phipps

*one: God can part the sea.*

*all: **God can bring water from a rock, and provide bread in the desert.***

*one: God can walk on water.*

*all: **God can heal the sick, and turn water into wine.***

*one: God sets the stars in the sky.*

*all: **God hears our voice when we cry, and is closer than our own breath.***

*one: There is nothing God cannot do.*

*all: **Let us stand in awe and worship God with wonder.***

\*Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Chalice Hymnal #119

Invocation

Nancy Phipps

Advent Candle Lighting

Viola Sigmon

*one: How does a weary world practice joy?*

*all: **By dancing, and throwing birthday parties.***

*one: By hanging Christmas lights, and holding sleepy babies.*

*all: **By singing loudly, and looking for good news.***

*one: By telling the story of Jesus, and showing up for our community.*

*all: **There are a million ways to practice joy.***

*one: So today we light the candle of joy as a reminder and a charge.*

*all: **With God's help, may we bring joy into a weary world.***

"One Candle Is Lit"

Chalice Hymnal #128; v 3

## THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination	"Be Still"	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Worship & Wonder Scripture	"John Is Born"	Pastor Lisa Engelken
a Worship & Wonder story based on Luke 1:57-66, adapted by Brenda J. Stobbe <i>told in the Children Worship &amp; Wonder room</i>		
Scripture	Psalms 126 (Common English Bible)	Sue Elliott
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Sermon	"We Rejoice When We Allow Ourselves to Be Amazed"	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Special Music	"Sing It True" by Sarah Speed	video

## THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People	Rev. Chuck Pickrel
Our Lord's Prayer	

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response in Song "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)" by Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen

Invitation to Stewardship	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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*Doxology	"Doxology for a Weary World" by Anna Strickland
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Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion	Rev. Chuck Pickrel
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Communion Prayer

Words of Institution	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Communion Response	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Chalice Hymnal #160
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## SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Chuck Pickrel
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*Closing Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Chalice Hymnal #155; vv 1-3
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*Blessing and Benediction	Rev. Chuck Pickrel
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Postlude	"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Kevin Olson	Julie Dean, piano
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