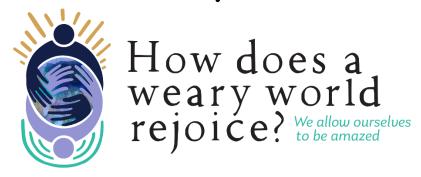


Third Sunday of Advent



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 "0 Come, 0 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.

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

told in the Children Worship & Wonder room

Scripture Psalm 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

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Chalice Hymnal #160

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Chuck Pickrel

*Closing Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" Chalice Hymnal #155; vv 1-3

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Postlude "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Kevin Olson Julie Dean, piano

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