

DECEMBER 13, 2020- JOY SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One Candle is Lit vs 3 #128

Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Promised One of God brings good news to the oppressed
and binds up the brokenhearted.

P: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

L: The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

P: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

L: The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

P: Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to what is good, we are witnesses to the light of Christ!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We thank you, O God, for all those in Scripture who have pointed to Christ: for your prophets Elijah and Isaiah, for other prophets, and for John.

We thank you, too, for those in our lives who have pointed us to Christ: pastors and teachers, strangers and friends. Give us eyes to see him today among those who are oppressed, imprisoned, brokenhearted, or beaten down, and we will give our testimony, too: how Christ releases and sets free; how he turns ashes into garlands; how he repairs and builds up what was ruined. We, too, will point others to Jesus, the Light of the world. We pray it in his name, saying...

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful #148

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Vocals by Rick Campbell and Piano by Lisa Powell

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 46b– 55

SERMON TITLE "Yes, Mary Knew."

HYMN Hark the Herald #150

1 Hark! the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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 the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

BENEDICTION

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