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Worship Service

Zoom Audio Call

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Advent III: Candle of Joy Blue Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, December 13th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Cheerfulness is seeing the bright side and looking for the good in whatever happens. It is maintaining a positive attitude of optimism and confidence. When we give cheerfully we are wholeheartedly helpful. Even when life is challenging, we make the best of it. We trust that all will be well. We nurture happiness. A cheerful smile can light up everyone's day.

(The Virtues Project)

"There is one thing one has to have: either a soul that is cheerful by nature or a soul made cheerful by work, love, art, and knowledge." Francois-Marie Voltaire

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Mary, Did You Know?" M. Lowry/B.Greene
arr. Jack Schrader



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

Come with great exultation, as we join with jubilant spirits to welcome this new day.

Come with gladness, as we gather with joy and excitement during our Advent adventure.

Together let us embrace this season with wonder and awe - we cannot contain God's Spirit of delight and mystery!

In our sacred time of worship and reflection, may we also take time to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us physically. May God's presence bring us comfort, healing, hope and peace in our hearts. Let us celebrate the majestic presence of God at work in our lives as we worship!

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Opening Prayer (together)

God of hope, peace and joy, You break forth into our darkness, giving us joy in our sorrow and comfort in our loneliness. Fill us with Your compassionate Spirit that will enable our hearts to overflow with healing and hope this day. Help us to continue to experience Your care, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus once again into our lives. Amen.

Hymn (55) "In the Bleak Midwinter" vs. 1 & 2

- 1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Candles and Stars of Remembrance

(you are invited to light a candle, real or battery or write names of loved ones on the blue star.)



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Prayer of Remembrance

Hymn (278) "In the Quiet Curve of Evening" vs. 1, 3

- 1 In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
In the lapses of my breathing,
in the space between my ways,
in the crater carved by sadness,
you are there. You are there,
you are there, you are there.

- 3 In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
In the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

Prayer for Grace (together)

Compassionate and wise Counselor, happiness comes and goes as quickly as a change of clothes, yet Your joy and delight in creation is everlasting. Help us find joy among the challenges we face each day. Keep us mindful of the good things in our lives and help us to believe in delights yet to come. Give us reason to leap for joy in this season of miracles. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God gives us the wisdom and energy we need to find inner joy in our hearts each day. Let us rejoice in God's light with us. Amen.

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Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Joy"
L. and K. Sumiya



Candle Hymn "Give Us Joy for Our World"
(tune: Give Us Oil)

Give us joy for our world, we are aching,
Give us joy for ourselves, we pray,
Give us joy for the wonder of living,
Give us joy in living life Your Way.

Chorus: Light a candle, light a candle
Light a candle while we wait and pray.
Light a candle, light a candle,
Light a candle of God's joy.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-55 M. Kitagawa
(The angel visits Mary. Mary visits Elizabeth and
sings a song of praise.)

Solo "The Christmas Song" R. Wells/M. Tormé
J. Brooker, Baritone

Sermon "Joyful Living" Rev. Cooper

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Hymn (820) "Make a Joyful Noise" vs. 1

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!**

1 Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place
with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn (59) "Joy to the World" vs.1, 2

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...Sing)

**In this Advent time of waiting,
May we serve the Prince of Peace.
Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude "Greensleeves" Anon.
L. Fusé, oboe

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai and J. Brooker for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to L. and K. Sumiya and for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to M. Kitagawa for reading our scripture lesson. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to J. Brooker for playing the piano and singing a solo for us. It is always a joy to have you sing.

Special thanks to L. Fusé for playing the oboe for our Postlude. It is so lovely to hear you play. We have missed you playing this past year!

White Gift Project: On White Gift Sunday, December 20th, you are invited to give a financial contribution to support projects at Eva's Place. \$15 for a Personal Hygiene Kit; \$30 for a Harm Reduction Kit; \$50 for a Safe Bed for a Night; \$63 Feed a Youth for 2 Weeks; \$80 Two Weeks of Transportation; \$150 Fresh Start for Beginners; \$360 Feed the Shelter for a Day. Thank you for your support!

Today, Sunday, December 13, Advent III, the **candle of Joy** will be lit and **Blue Christmas Service**. You are invited to light candles (battery or real) in your homes in memory of loved ones who have passed away over the years. There will also be a blue star in the bulletin that you can write your loved ones' names on.

Sunday, December 20th, Advent IV, the **candle of Love** will be lit and we will celebrate **White Gift**. Money donations will go to support Eva's Place. The youth will have a special presentation for us.

Thursday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Service with carols, solos, scriptures, Christmas drama reading and the Christ candle lighting. Together we will celebrate and hear the Christmas story once again!!

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Sunday, December 27th, carol service to sing your favourite carols. Please email or call Rev. Cooper with your favourite carols **by Dec. 20th**. We will try and sing as many as possible.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

Donations for 2020 Tax Receipts - due to the ongoing delays caused by Covid-19 we would like to let you know that only donations postmarked or received at the Church by December 31, 2020 will be entered for the 2020 tax year. Anything arriving after December 31 or with a postmark after December 31 will be accounted for as a donation in 2021. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your consideration.

We will continue to offer Zoom audio and video worship services. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and well. This also means everyone who would like to attend our services is able to do so from their homes.

Our Church Administrator, M. Leone, will be in the church office Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Friday from 10 to 3 p.m.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Have a blessed day!!



(You can write the names of loved ones on the star.)