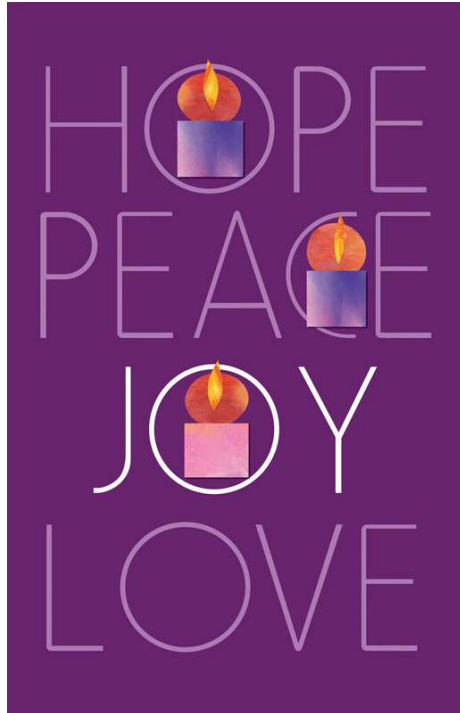




WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 16, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Family Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:2-6)**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say:

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

Praise

Songs of Praise:

“O Come, O Come Immanuel” (#61 vs. 1, 4-5)

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (#81 vs. 1-2, & 4)

“What Child Is This” (#95 vs. 1-3)

God's Greeting

Choral Anthem: *The Glory of Christmas: Guide Us To The Perfect Light*

Renewal

Communal Lament (Psalm 74:1-2, 9-12 & LUYH #62)

O God, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember the nation you purchased long ago, the people of your inheritance, whom you redeemed—Mount Zion, where you dwelt.

We are given no signs from God; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be.

How long will the enemy mock you, God? Will the foe revile your name forever?

Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take it from the folds of your garment and destroy them!

But God is my King from long ago; he brings salvation on the earth!

Lord, Remember us. Have regard for your covenant.

We Need Your Redemption.

Where hand have brought about destruction, desolation, and desecration, where words have condemned, betrayed, and deceived, where silence has concealed, isolated, and ignored.

O Come, O Come Immanuel.

Shine light in the dark places, speak peace in the lands haunted by violence, and ransom your people.

As we remember your steadfast love and faithfulness, we wait expectantly; we rejoice in your coming. Amen.

Hymn of Response: *“I Wonder as I Wander”* (Red #183 vs. 1-3)

Assurance of Pardon (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

“I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.

Hymn of Response: *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* (Red #194 vs. 1-2)

Response

Prayers of the People

Offering: Alameda Point Collaborative

Offertory

***Offering Response:** *“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”* (#876 vs. 3)

Word for Children & Dismissal for Kid’s Connection

Carol: *“The First Noel”* (Red #179 vs. 1 & 6)

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11 (p.968)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Nineveh's Plant

Response of Faith: HC QA 124-125

***Hymn of Response:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (#551 vs. 1, 4-5)

SENDING

***Sending & Benediction**

***Doxology** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (#551 vs. 6)

Postlude

Preaching: Rev. Mark Hofman

Reader: Ann Hickman

Pianist: Joan DeWindt

