



Assisting in Worship Today:

Bob VanAllen, Liturgist
Mountainside Choir
Jubilee Players
Praise Band
Children's Choir
Dee Short, Organist
Karen Blackmore, Pianist
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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 17, 2017

Celebration of Worship

Welcome!

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row. If you are interested in church membership, a tan "How You Can Belong" sheet on the inside of each registration notebook should be of assistance. Please contact the pastor with any questions as we want to be helpful to you.

Please hold your applause until the end of the service

Prelude How Great Our Joy Jubilee Players

Registration & Announcements

***Call to Worship** Joy to the World Praise Band
O Come All Ye Faithful

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Doug Mills

Advent Hymn There's a song in the Air, v. 1 Hymn No. 249

*Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," stanza 6, #211

All: "O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight."

Reader 1: "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. ... Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts." (Psalm 126:3, 5 CEB)

Reader 2: God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

Reader 3: God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people.

Reader 4: God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

All: We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God" (Isaiah 61:10, NRSV).

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home.

Light three candles.

All: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."*Advent

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Doug Mills

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray...

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Hymn The First Noel, v. 1 Hymnal No. 245

Offertory Lo How a Rose E're Blooming Jubilee Players

***Offering Response** O Come O Come Emanuel v. 2 Hymn No. 211

I Hear the Prophet Callin' Choir

Angels We have Heard on High Choir

The Friendly Beasts Children's Choir

Christmas Dinner Quartet

Carol of the Birds Choir

We Three Kings Choir

Mary Did you Know? Karen Blackmore & Dee Short

Singing in the Stable Quartet

See Amid the Winter's Snow Choir

Pat-a-Pan Choir

*Benediction

Feliz Navidad!