

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 12th, 2021, 10:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Outreach Candle to cast warmth on our Joy found in serving others.

A light to caring for friend, neighbour and stranger.

We light the Unity Candle to acknowledge that God's love shines on all people.

A light on the pathway to understanding and inclusion.

The Christ Candle remains unlit and as we wait in anticipation of Jesus to be born once again into our lives.

We wait and listen for the truth to dawn, for the light to reveal itself again.

* **Introit:** "A Candle is Burning" VU #6 vs.3

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent: The Candle of Joy

The Third Candle on the Advent wreath is about Joy.

Joy when anticipating something great or wonderful.

Joy when feeling great pleasure and happiness.

Joy realized when everyone is included and involved in every occasion.

Joy when good news is received for all people.

The Joy you are to have is the joy of Jesus. Our saving Joy!

Sustaining and Loving God, your grace and promise are the source of our anticipation of joy. Our desires for Your declared future sustain

our faithfulness. We thank you, O God. Our Joy is found in you. Come Jesus, come.

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Look! There's the Glow of Joy that God is placing among us.

Joy? Joy when there's so much to worry about?

Look closer – God is bringing Joy to us again.

We know God can bring us joy, but we're too nervous to even look.

A long time ago, people were anxious and worried, and God brought to them Joy in the flesh.

May God bring that Joy to us today! AMEN.

* **Hymn:** "I Come With Joy" VU #477

* **Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" VU #43

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18
The Word Of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!**
Offered by Orchard Valley Chimes

Sermon: **Nothing is too Routine**

*** Hymn:** “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star” MV #220
(3 verses – Hope, Peace, Joy)

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Joy Is Now in Every Place” VU #45

*** Commissioning:**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**