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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

#### **Music as We Gather**

#### **Gathering**

**\* Introit:** “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star” MV #220 x1

Joy shines as the solitary star.

Faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home.

#### **Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

The third candle on the Advent Wreath we light is the Candle of Joy. It is the joy found in our commitment to be a generous church, year in and year out. Sharing our joy is a way to fulfill God’s call to be Christ’s disciple. It is joy we discover when we choose words of kindness rather than hurt. Joy is found when we spend tender moments with others comforted by our presence, and us with theirs. God’s presence is joy.

**Holy and patient God, fill us with a yearning to live  
out our desire to be the Joy our world so needs.  
Our Joy is in you. Come Jesus, come.**

**\* Hymn:**           “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star”           MV #220

Hope shines as the solitary star.  
Faith is the inner light.  
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home.

Peace shines as the solitary star.  
Faith is the inner light.  
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home.

Joy shines as the solitary star.  
Faith is the inner light.  
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and illumine the pathway home.

### **Recognition of the Land**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\* Call to Worship:**

As we gather today, let our joy...  
**Be found in the birth of a child...**  
Let our joy...  
**Herald in the promise of Christ.**  
Let our joy...  
**Abound within and from us in our worship.**

**\* Hymn:**           “O Come All Ye Faithful”           VU #60 vs. 1-4

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.**

God of God, light of light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created; **R**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest; **R**

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **R**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Holy Communion**

## **Listening**

## **Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God"

MV #48

I can feel you near me God

I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God  
I feel you here  
I can feel you near me God  
I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God  
Heaven is here.

**Refrain:**

*And I'll jump for joy  
I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you  
I will jump for joy  
I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you loving me  
Yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me  
Always everywhere  
I can feel you loving me  
Yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me  
I know you're there. **R**

**Scripture:**

Luke 1:39-55     Mary Visits Elizabeth and Mary's Song of Praise

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**            **In This Place, At This Time** *Dengler and Naus Dengler*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:                      Jump for Joy**

*Rev Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**                      “Joy Is Now in Every Place”

VU #45

Joy is now in every place,  
Christmas lightens every face;  
now be with us, in your grace,  
*O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.*

May the star that shone that night,  
making your poor stable bright,  
fill our hearts with love and light,  
*O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.*

Through the New Year let it stay,  
leading us upon your way,  
making Christmas every day,  
*O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.*

Now and ever may we find  
your good news to fill our mind:  
peace and love to humankind,  
*O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.*

**Celebrating**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:**                      “In the Bleak Midwinter”

VU #55 v.4

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Holy one, receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, welcoming to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**           “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”           VU #35

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice

with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **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!**

### **\* Hymn:**

“Amen”

VU #967

Amen, amen, amen.