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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 11th, 2022, 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Advent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Introit:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220 x1

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 x3
With Hope, Peace Joy

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

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

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/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

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" VU #55 vs.4

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

* 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