

Order of Worship
3rd Sunday of Advent: Those Who Dream Sow Joy
12 December 2021

Prelude:

Laura Murach

Welcome:

Deacon

Hymn:

“When God is a Child”

Vs. 3 (see insert)

Advent Wreath:

Candle Lighting Liturgy | The Candle of Joy

A: I dream of dance parties in the kitchen.

B: I dream of laughter that is contagious.

A: I dream of birthday candles and another beautiful year.

B: I dream of family game nights and dinner parties with friends.

A: I dream of homemade Halloween costumes and homemade family recipes.

B: I dream of pillow forts, fireflies, and front porch swings.

A: I dream of every little thing that brings joy; and I know it comes from God.

B: So today we light the candle of joy as a reminder

that God’s dream for this world involves the end of all tears.

A: God’s dream for this world involves a joy that overflows and is contagious.

B: So may this fire burn bright, and as it does, may we sing.

A: May we dance.

B: May we laugh.

A: May we hold onto the people we love.

Light candle

B: May we sow joy in a hurting world, and may it be an act of holy resistance. Amen.

Response:

**When God is a child there’s joy in the song
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong
And none shall be afraid.**

Message for All:

Sarah Pradhan

(Deacons collect Joy/Concern and Contact Tracing cards)

Response:

O come, let us adore him

O come, let us adore him

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Scripture:

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message: "Those Who Dream Sow Joy" Pastor Todd

Bell Choir: "Away in a Manger" Laura Murach, director

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Disciple'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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Joy to the World" PH #130

Charge and Blessing

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Parting Song:

Gloria, in excelsis deo. Gloria, in excelsis deo.

Postlude

When God Is a Child

Unison

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2. Peace is a ribbon that cir - cles the earth,
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985
 MUSIC: Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

MOON BEAMS
 lrr. w. refrain