

December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles and Call to Worship**

Leader: On the third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle named "Love". In many churches that candle is pink instead of purple. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday because the traditional entrance words are "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say rejoice".

People: **In Advent we remember that God has come to us to be with us. We are part of the family. We are held in God's Love and care. We can rejoice. We can know Love.**

Leader: The Apostle Paul wrote to church in Rome: *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.* When we see the words "Everlasting Father" on our mural, we remember God's family includes us.

People: **We remember God's great Love and we are ready for you to light the candle of Love.**

***Hymn #117: "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"**

***Invocation**

O God, we thank you that Jesus showed your love for every person – babies and children, old people and young, sick people and those who are strong, rich people and those who are poor.

Come to us this Advent season and give us hearts of love for all people. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** Hymn #122 verse 1 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set all people free.
From our fears and sins release us, grant us your true liberty.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55 Karen Yoho

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon: "Everlasting Father"

***Hymn #106: "My Heart Sings Out With Joyful Praise"**

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, we dedicate these gifts. For the ways it will help us live out God's mission, we dedicate these gifts. Let these gifts strengthen our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly. Amen.

***Hymn #119: "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**