

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:** "Tomorrow Shall Be My  
Dancing Day"

**Invitation to Worship:**

**Hymn:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Based on #1)

**3 O come, O Dayspring, from on high,  
and cheer us by your joy which will draw nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Lighting the Third Advent Candle:** The Candle of Joy

**Prayer:**

**Joy-giving One, thank you for the ways you accept and  
celebrate all of who we are. Thank you for te many, many  
ways you live among us. Teach us to recognize you and to  
share our joy. Amen.**

**Welcome and The Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**Musical Offering:** "Go Tell It On The Mountain" (Allison Houston  
and Doug and Wendy Hall.)

**Scripture:** John 15:9-17 & Philippians 4:4-7

**Sermon:** "Complete Joy."

**Hymn:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**#48**

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'**
- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'**
- 3 Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'**

**Call to Prayer:** (We join in a spirit of prayer with the singing bowl)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation**

**The Lord'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  
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever,  
and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offer our Gifts:**

**Song of Dedication: "In The Bleak Mid-Winter" (vs. 4) #55**

**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. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**Hymn: "Joy To The World" #59**

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground:  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**4 He rules the earth with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Departing Song: "Prepare the Way" (Sung 2x) #10**  
**Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make a straight path for him, make a straight path;  
prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go: "O How Joyfully"**  
(Arr. Vicki Courtney)