

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

December 16, 2019 "Third Sunday in Advent"

## White Gift

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment. (\*please rise in body or spirit)



Prelude: "Fantasy of Forest Green" - arr. Lani Smith

*Welcome and Announcements*

Gathering Hymn: VU #1 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Centering Time for Worship/Lighting of the Candles

## Attracted by the Light

*\*Invitation to Community*

The voice of God has called you

**We are called to be a servant people**

A people filled with joy and hope

**Called to bring peace to creation**

So gather and have your call affirmed

**We will bring forth justice to the nations**

*Gathering Prayer*

**Holy One, we wait with great anticipation your presence among us.**

**Give us souls to discern, eyes to see, and ears to hear your voice and feel your touch. As we stretch further into this Advent season, remind us why we gather as people of faith. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

*\*Hymn: VU #31 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"*

*Advent Candle Liturgy - Dan Kingdon & Judy Amsbury*

We sing v. 1, 2 & 3 of "We Light this Candle"

**We light this candle of peace (hope). Await the new life with-in.**

**May our hearts now live each day,  
So joy, (peace), (hope) can find a way. x2** - Pat Mayberry and David Kai

This is the third Sunday in Advent and today we light the candle of joy, which is something we aren't always aware of.

**The joy given to us by the Creator tends to get lost in the busyness of our lives, in our worries, in our expectations.**

The Candle is lit

This candle is to remind us of all the joy we have in our lives

**We may have to look hard to find it, but it is there: the joy of our relationship with the Holy. Amen**

*Worship with The Young at Heart*

Gathering of the stockings and the White Gifts.

### **Who? Me?**

*Preparation for Proclamation:*

**Prepare the Way, Prepare the Way. Awaited Christ, expected one.**

**We will await, we will await. The birth of God's own son.** - A. Gray

Isaiah 42.1-9            Reader: Joyce Hawthorne

Psalms 29, VU#756

Matthew 12.15-21

Anthem: "Prophet's Knew" -Lloyd Larson

### **Reflection**

\*Hymn: MV #182 "Grateful"

### **Sharing the Blessing of Peace**

*Minute for Mission:* - Anne Smith

Offering: "What Child is This" - arr. David Lasky

\*Hymn of Presentation: VU #55 (vs.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.**

*Prayer of Dedication*

**Holy One, may the gifts given in this your Temple shout glory, and  
justice, and joy. Amen**

*Prayers of the Faithful*

Hymn: VU #248 "When Long Before Time"

*Sending Forth*

Embrace the Joy that is in and around you

**We will be a light to the nations**

Remember: God is doing new things

**Things that we cannot imagine**

But you do know the shape of that which is coming

**For it is shaped by love**

\*Concluding Rite:

**In the Shortness of the Days we stretch toward the light.**

**Carrying Candles of hope to offer light.**

**In a world of bright shadow, restlessness and wrong,**

**We take our place as midwives to birth a new dawn.**

- Words, D. Uhryniw/Music, A. Gray

Postlude: "The Christmas Rose" - arr. Gilbert M Martin

## **In Appreciation**

*Minister:* All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

*Music:* Arlene Gray and the Choir

*AV:* Brian James

*Elevator:* Bill Atkinson

*Ushers and Greeters:* Judy Stephenson, Dave Stephenson, Ina Stenner,  
Leona Clark

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