



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
December 12, 2021

## Thoughts of Preparation

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. Keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. You show me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. -- *Psalm 16.7-11*

We are not headed toward a single goal: we are on a pilgrimage toward the center of our hearts. It is in this place of prayerful repose that joy unspeakable erupts. -- Richard Rohr

## Welcome

### Prelude

*“In Dulci Jubilo”*

*(J.S. Bach)*

## Tower Bell

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

*(Philippians 4:4-8)*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

**Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, we'll think about these things!**

### \*Invocation

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent:  
**JOY!**



*Cantor:* 1. O - so - sȯ o - so - sȯ, pyong - hwa - ui - im - gum,  
 2. Come now, O God of hope, make us one bod - y.  
 3. Come now, O God of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 4. Come now, O God of joy, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sȯ.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.  
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“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. - John 15:10–12

**Unison Prayer for Advent 3**

**Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, You have brought forth joy and dignity for Your people, O Holy One of Israel.**

**Remember now Your ancient promise: make straight the paths that lead to You, and smooth the rough ways, that in our day we might bring forth Your compassion for all humanity. Amen.**

## Scripture Lesson

From the Hebrew Prophets: Isaiah 12:2-6

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, and You comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known His deeds among the nations; proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## Anthem

*“Mary, Did You Know?”*

*(Mark Lowry)*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did  
you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God)

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's perfect Lamb?  
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am

## Gathering Together in Prayer

### Silent Prayer—Pastoral Prayer

#### 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, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

#### Offertory Invitation

So much growth and transformation is possible when we open ourselves to God using us in new ways. Giving can be a powerful—and even joyful—thing. When you share in generosity, you're taking part in the kind of experience Jesus modeled, the kind that can transform hearts and lives, and move others to serve others, in His name.

**Offertory**                                    *"A Highway for Our God"*                                    (Lloyd Larson)

#### Scripture Lesson

From the Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we

do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but One who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His granary; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, He proclaimed the good news to the people.

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**Sermon**      *“You Want WHAT? Joy? But You’ll Be Changed...Radically and Forever!”*      Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

**\*Hymn #153**      *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*      (Hyfrydol)  
(see last page)

### **\*Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (*Romans 15:13*). May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.  
(*Colossians 1:10-12*)

**Postlude**

*Toccata on “Adeste Fideles” (Gordon Young)*

**Worship Notes**

Today’s “Closing Hymn” (*God, We Await Your Advent Here*)--Text:  
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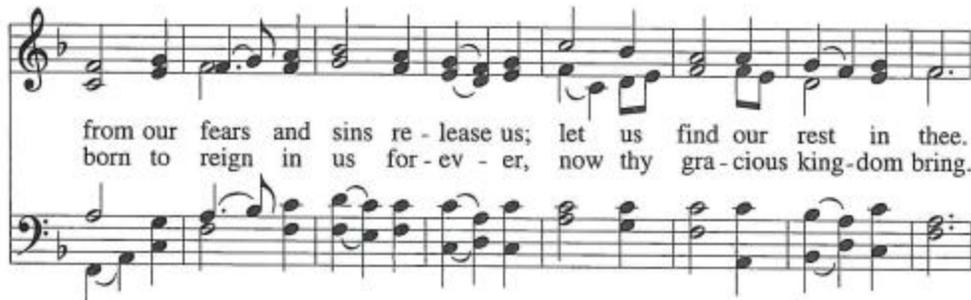
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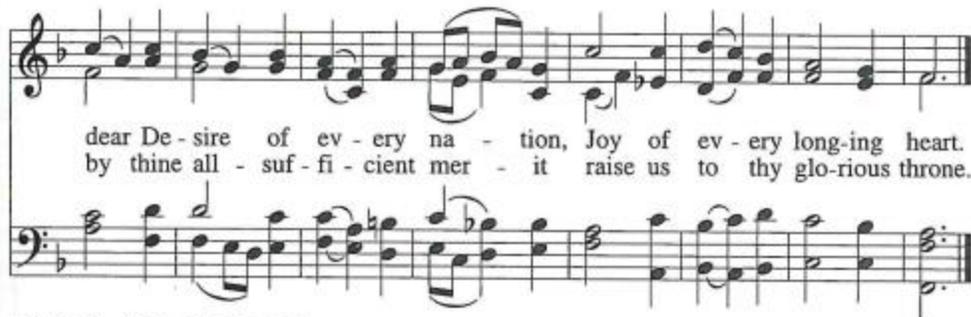
1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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