

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15, 2019, 8:30 am Service



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

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GATHERING

We welcome you and rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us. We are a congregation of caring and committed Christians who hope that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and perhaps enable you to grow in your love of God. We do ask that you complete the information sheet found in the “RED” Registration Pads in each pew. Where there is an asterisk in the service, we invite you to stand if you are able. Where you see **bold print**, we encourage you to join in the reading with others. If you seek more information concerning Friendship Church, please mark the appropriate space on the information sheet or contact the Church Office.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Carol of the Bells” (arr. Wagner) Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 146)

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

P: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAISE LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM**

TFWS #2091 “The King of Glory Comes”
TFWS #2093 “The Snow Lay on the Ground”
TFWS #2096 “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

***UNISON PRAYER**

You are a God of bounteous gifts, O Lord, and we bless Your Name. You bestow mercies without end. Your People stand upright; You give sight to the blind. You have no patience with injustice, and the meek You do not turn away. We open our hearts to Your Presence, and our doors to the stranger. We gather as Your People, brought together by Your Grace and made one by Your Love. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:10 Don & Anne Stewart

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.

P: **May the joyful promise of Your Presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.**

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

-Ruth Bailey

MUSIC BY THE HANDBELL CHOIR

“Joyful All Ye Nations Rise” (arr. D. R. Edwards)

THE GATHERING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

Offertory “Go, Tell It!” (arr. T. Waldrop) Handbell Choir

***Response: “Give Thanks”**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong;’ Let the poor say, ‘I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.’ Give thanks!*

***Prayer of Dedication & 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.
Amen*

***SONG OF PREPARATION:**

TFWS #2100 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Song of Mary Luke 1:46-56 (New Test. pp. 53-54)

MESSAGE: “A Holy Journey” - Rev. Oden Warman

PRAYER

***CLOSING SONG:**

TFWS #2098 “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**