



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
The Third Sunday of Advent - Joy
December 13, 2020

Music streamed in today's service

Mary, Did you Know? - arr. Jack Schrader

With Joy Draw Water - NCH 109

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - PH 103

Ye Shall Go Out

Of the Father's Love Begotten - arr. Pam Turner

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come Divine Messiah

Image: "Contours of Mary's Dream"
Lauren Wright Pittman, A Sanctified Art

Today's service will be recorded.

THOSE
WHO *sow*
DREAM *joy*

3RD sunday in advent

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Prelude	Mary, Did You Know?	Arr. Jack Schrader
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash
Call to Worship		Lauren Pak

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a terrible day.
She left her lunch at home.
She skinned her knee on the playground, and no one wanted to sit with her on the bus.
As she sank into her mother's arms at the end of the day, her mother said,
"Honey, what was the best part of today?"
The little girl cried and said, "Nothing! The entire day was terrible."
So the mother got down on one knee, wiped away her tears and said,
"There is always some good. Sometimes we just really have to look for it."
The little girl looked up at her mom and said, "What is good about today?"
And the mother said, "For starters, you're here in my arms."
Friends, anytime we gather together to worship God, we are here in God's arms.
So may we recognize that gift, and in doing so, may we sow joy.
Let us worship our Holy God.

Opening Hymn **With Joy Draw Water NCH 109**

- 1 With joy draw water from the spring; salvation's living well.
The Holy One is in your midst; glad praises sing and tell!
- 2 A shoot has sprung from Jesse's tree; of God the chosen One.
A branch of knowledge and of truth; a gift of love has come!
- 3 With love the poor will be received; the proud will turn a side;
And faithfulness will be a path, and righteousness the guide!
- 4 The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the calf and lion play.
God's peace shall dwell within the land; a child shall show the way!
- 5 With joy draw water from the spring; salvation's living well.
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With Joy Draw Water

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Anne McKinstry, 1986, 1993

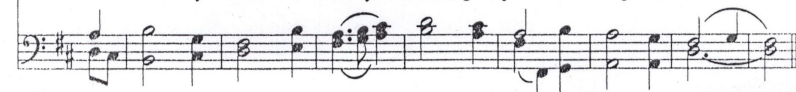
Isa. 11:1-10; 12:2-6



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Advent Candle Lighting -- Son-Mey Chiu

A: I dream of gourmet feasts in the kitchen.

B: I dream of laughter that is contagious.

A: I dream of birthday candles and another beautiful year.

B: I dream of family game nights and dinner parties with friends.

A: I dream of homemade Halloween costumes and homemade family recipes.

B: I dream of pillow forts, fireflies, and front porch swings.

A: I dream of every little thing that brings joy; and I know it comes from God.

B: So today we light the candle of joy as a reminder
that God's dream for this world involves the end of all tears.

A: God's dream for this world involves a joy that overflows and is contagious.

B: So may this fire burn bright, and as it does, may we sing.

A: May we dance.

B: May we laugh.

A: May we hold onto the people we love.

B: May we sow joy in a hurting world, and may it be an act of holy resistance. Amen.

Advent Candle Song Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - PH 103 v. 3

3 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Melody attr. to Christian F. Will, 1660-1716

"Psalmodia Sacra," Gotha, 1715

1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
By thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to thy glo-ri-ous throne. A-men.

ADVENT

Creator God,

Scripture is flooded with dream-like images:

the lion lying down with the lamb,

justice rolling like a mighty river,

swords being beaten into plowshares,

the prisoner being set free,

good news to the oppressed,

the whole world rejoicing.

To our human ears, there are times when these words can sound

like nothing more than a far-off dream—

downplaying prophecy to fantasy.

However, what we know is that to dream is to hope,

and to hope is to imagine,

and to imagine is to wonder,

and to wonder is to believe,

and to believe is to live and breathe for your promised day.

So give us the strength to listen as we dream, O God.

For deep down, we know your words are the very thing we need.

Amen.

Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

Children's Message Sarah Fuller

Anthem Ye Shall Go Out Max Evrard

Sermon Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace Sarah Fuller

Prayers of the People Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father (Creator), 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Fuller

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Pam Turner

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Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Fuller

**Thanks be to you, O God, maker of heaven and earth - giver of justice,
lover of righteousness, hope of the afflicted, and friend of the poor.
Your faithfulness never fails. Take and use these gifts we offer to
further your purpose in the world. Amen.**

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:**O come, let us adore him,**O come, let us adore him,**O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *[Refrain]*

3 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe; *[Refrain]*

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *[Refrain]*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786
Tr. Frederick Oakley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular
John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversus," 1751

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Who would not love thee, low - ing us so dear - ly?
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! A-men.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

O Come Divine Messiah

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