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10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GREETINGS

PRELUDE

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Jesus is coming, shout for joy! Joy is a word we see and hear everywhere at Christmas. Joy to the world is the message of the season. Joy is the theme of this day. Two weeks ago we lit the Hope candle and remembered those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child. Last week we lit the Peace candle, a symbol of the peace that God leaves with us. The third candle on the Advent wreath is called the Joy candle. It reminds us of the first in a long line of people who joyfully shared the good news of the Savior's birth. This candle is a different color, reminding us that our period of waiting is half over.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER: Dear God, with joy and praise we acknowledge the signs that your kingdom has come in Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the forgiveness of sin. We rejoice that you have made us new creatures in Christ. With joy we commit ourselves to the proclamation of the good news of great joy. In the Savior's name we pray. **Amen.**

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE #2090 (TFWS) Vs. 1, 2 & 3

the two purple, and the pink candles are lit by the **Asuncion Family.**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Wait for the Lord: God is coming to save us.

P: The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear once more.

L: Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.

P: The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

L: Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.

P: All things will be made new.

All: Come! Let us worship.

◆ HYMN #211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

◆ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Share signs of peace and love with everyone you meet.

UNISON PRAYER

As the days darken and the winter winds blow, come to us, Promised One, in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where the blind receive their sight, the lame are made to walk, and the lowly are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Live in and through us during this Advent season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. We pray this in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR

HYMN (TFWS) #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-23

read by Jennifer Baksh

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L: The Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God !**

MESSAGE: “Coming Home, Coming to the Lord!” by Rev. Austin Park

RECEIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

You may place your tithes, offerings, and gifts in the plates as they are passed.

OFFERTORY “The Shepherd at the Manger” (Gilbert M. Martin)

◆ **SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE #70** “Glory Be to the Father”

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENT

◆ **HYMN #337** “Only Trust Him”

◆ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

◆ Please stand if you are able

Pastor: Rev. Austin Park

Organist: Rose Schrader

Pianist: Ha Jin Choi

Acolyte: Jennifer Baksh

Head Usher: Matthew Baksh

Ushers: Rayman Alli, Loris Goffe

Greeters: Pearl Lovell, Jean Persaud

Usher on Guard: Loris Goffe

Flower Steward: Juliet Ramson

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