



Sunset United Church

December 13, 2020 – Advent 3B – Joy

Choir Sunday

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Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey

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Pianist: Shirley Hill

Special Music: Sunset Choir



Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Centering Music

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candles*

I dream of dance parties in the kitchen

I dream of laughter that is contagious

I dream of birthday candles and another beautiful year

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

I dream of homemade Halloween costumes and homemade
family recipes

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

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

So today we light the candle of joy as a reminder that God's dream for this world involves the end of all tears. (*light candle*)
God's dream for this world involves a joy that overflows and is contagious.

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

May we dance.

May we laugh.

May we hold onto the people we love.

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

Hymn: MV#220 Peace shines as the Solitary star **

*Joy shines as the solitary star,
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
And illumine the pathway home.*

Children's Time

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A Christmas Story and Music with Corinne and the Sunset Choir

Dedication of gifts given during this time of COVID-19:

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Carol Sing-along:

Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
(VU #71, verses 1 & 4)

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain

*Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.*

4. O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:

Refrain

*Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.*

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High
(VU#38, verses 1&3)

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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2. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful
(VU#60, verses. 1& 5)

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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.*

5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Hymn: Joy to the World (VU#59, verses 1 & 4)

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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
4. He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing and Going Forth

Amen



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