Order of Celebration

December 16, 2018 ◆ 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of JOY

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in preparation for good news is about to be

proclaimed. We gather in expectation for joy is about to

explode in our midst.

All: We gather in celebration for we are those people who

have said yes to the manger, yes to love made flesh, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of

God.

*Song What Child is This UMH 219

*Passing the Peace

Please greet one another with the words "Peace be with you".

Children's Message

Song for the Children: "Go Now in Peace" UMH 665 Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Fellowship Hall for "Kids Rock"

THE WORD

Responsive Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18

Leader:

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not

let your hands grow weak.

All:

The Lord is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Old Testament Lesson Micah 5: 2 - 5a pg 1128

Song Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204

Gospel Lesson Matthew 11: 2 - 11 pg 1183

Message The Unexpected Jesus Brings Joy

OUR RESPONSE

Offering Invitation

We offer our gifts to God as a sign of our devotion and faithfulness to the work of God's kingdom here on earth.

Offertory Music

*Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication Prayer

God of glory, we seek your glory: the richness that transforms our drabness into color and brightens our dullness with vibrant light. Accept these gifts as signs of light in a world that needs Your hope, love and joy. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Song Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! UMH 224

Taking the Light to the World

Benediction

Pastor: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May his

presence fill your hearts with joy and peace.

All: Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. May the

gift of his presence give us joy. Amen.

Postlude

Please Join us for Coffee and Conversation in Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable

Come Thous
UNEXPECTED
JESUS

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