December 12, 2021 Advent 3 - Joy

Welcome Gathering VU 7 Hope is a Star (vs 3)

Candle of Joy:

For the anger we are always fleeing, we light this candle. For the road we never believed we would travel, we light this candle. For the questions which go unanswered, we light this candle. For the struggles which we daily face, we light this candle. For this journey we share together, we light this candle, knowing that joy can be found in the most difficult places.

*We are walking a path of joy, we are walking a path of joy. We are walking a path of joy, lead me home, lead me home.

Call to Worship

Sing aloud, shout for joy, for we have so much to celebrate. God is in our midst and we have nothing to fear. Here today our deepest longings are heard and our neglected souls are gathered and welcomed. Sing, shout! Rejoice with all your heart as we come to worship God!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, today we joyfully gather to worship you. In this season of busyness, help us to set aside our anxious moments so we may focus on you. Let your Spirit fill this space so that we might hear your voice speaking to us. Amen

Hymn: VU 20 On Jordan's Bank

<u>Prayers for Grace & Transformation</u> Words of Assurance

When we are one with God, we are changed from the inside out and are made new. We say with joy, thanks be to God. Amen

The Peace

Scripture Prayer for Illumination We Listen

Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-6 VU 880

Gospel-Évangile Luke 3 : 1-6

*Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord! Make a straight path for him, make a straight path, prepare the way of the Lord!

Reflection

Christmas then and Christmas now VU 64 & 68

Invitation to the offering/Offertory Prayer

<u>Doxology:</u> Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements

Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer

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

Extinguishing the Candle

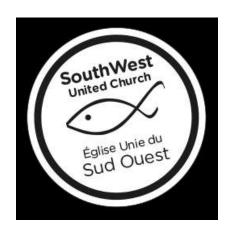
Benediction/Commissioning

Hymn: VU 9 People Look East

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Today we light the Candle of Joy

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