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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: WEEK 3 – “JOY” (CONGREGATION SPEAKS RESPONSES IN BOLD PRINT)

The Herald and the Edict declare a new day coming!

What is broken will be healed, what is destroyed will be rebuilt.

We are charged to build a house for God within our hearts and our lives.

We have been sent to rebuild, to heal, and to love one another.

All those who are in pain, all who are survivors, who are broken, will have their lives changed by the great gift of God!

Start the celebration! Let us go into the house of the Lord in Joy!

Today we light the Joy candle.

****CALL TO WORSHIP (CONGREGATION SPEAKS RESPONSES IN BOLD PRINT)**

Come to the living waters and drink your fill!

To God be the glory!

God's word goes forth and will not return empty.

To God be the glory!

Incline your ear; listen so that you may live!

To God be the glory!

****HYMN: “JOY TO THE WORLD”**

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

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. A-men.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You have given us all we need in this life, O God, and so much more. Riches beyond our imagining, and blessings beyond what we could ever use. May our gifts here offered be a sign of the gratitude that overflows us as your beloved children, and a hope for all those who turn to you for help. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (BELOW)

**Our Father 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

REFLECTION HYMN: "BE THOU MY VISION"

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins before God and one another. Pause for silence and reflection.
Faithful God,

Your promises have never wavered, and yet we are not always willing to believe them. We descend into our own despair, unable to see past our immediate concerns. We drag others down with us and live to complain and commiserate. We ignore the miracles in front of our face. Forgive us for living such small lives, O Lord, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is faithful; God is merciful; God does not hold our sins against us! For this we give you thanks, O Lord. Receive the assurance of your deliverance by the One who promised from of old to set us free, and who seeks and finds us to this very day. Alleluia! Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:1-11

MESSAGE: SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

**HYMN: "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:

*This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.[Chorus]
3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.[Chorus]

****THE BENEDICTION**