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First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CANTATA

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Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring/Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

by J.S. Bach and Rowland H. Prichard; arr. by Tom Fettke

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

“Ode to Joy” *by Ludwig van Beethoven*

Marilyn Harter, piano | Pam Turner, violin

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8:00) The Papp Family

(9:30) The Redman Family

Sung Response: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 3 **#211** *Stookey; Coffin; Helmore*

O come, O come, great Lord of might; who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height

In ancient times once gave the law; in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Call to Worship**

(8:00) Nate Pearce (9:30) Laurel Redman

Leader: Rejoice! God’s promises are ever near.

People: We wait for Christ’s birth with patience.

Leader: Rejoice! God’s strength is with us.

People: We rest in the power of God’s mighty love.

Leader: Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation.

All: In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

***Opening Hymn**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs. 1-3

#206

UM Hymnal #206 WORDS and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson

***Opening Prayer**

Promised One, enter our hearts anew. Enter our worship with your promised presence, that we may know you better. Enter our lives and our world, that we may proclaim your presence and sing your praises. With joyous gratitude, we pray in your blessed name. Amen.

Cantata

“JOY! A Gospel Christmas Celebration” program on back cover
composed and arranged by Joel Raney; orchestrated by Ed Hogan

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10 | Luke 1:46b-55

Homily

Pastor Rick Casebolt

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”
by Naida Hearn © 1974 and 1978 by Scripture in Song/Maranatha! Music

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow”
UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken

#95

***Offering Prayer**

Generous God, as we bring our gifts to you this day, we acknowledge that we have been given so much by your goodness, but we have been tight-fisted and slow in giving to help others. In this Advent season of preparation, we ask you to help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus, our example and redeemer. May this be the season when he finds the highways to our hearts prepared for his coming. In the name that is above all others. Amen.

***Closing Music**

“Joy to the World” vs. 1, 2, 4
UM Hymnal #246 WORDS: Isaac Watts MUSIC: G. F. Handel; arr. Lowell Mason

#246

***Blessing**

Postlude (8:00)

“How Great our Joy”
Traditional German carol © 2002 Hal Leonard Corporation



A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

composed and arranged by Joel Raney; orchestrated by Ed Hogan

directed by Randy Van Der Pol; assisted by Marilyn Harter
narrated by Rick Casebolt and Adriana Hernandez

1. "Sing Joy!"

Isaac Watts, alt. Additional text by Joel Raney. Music by G. F. Handel

3. "A Song in the Air"

Words and Music by Joel Raney; incorporating 'Away in a Manger'

5. "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

From 'Adeste Fidelis' by John F. Wade; arranged by Joel Raney

2. "Waiting"

Words and Music by Joel Raney; incorporating 'Veni Emmanuel'

4. "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"

Traditional Spiritual; arr. by Joel Raney vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, #236

6. "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" vs. 1-3 #251

Words by John W. Work Jr.; arranged and performed by Mark Turner

7. "Sing Joy!" (Reprise)

Isaac Watts, alt. Additional text by Joel Raney. Music by G. F. Handel

SOPRANO

Michelle Butler Lorraine Cientiempo Gayle Disch Heather Ford Erna Huitema Sylvia Moore
Evelyn Plummer Sue Reeves Carol Smith Chris Thompson Jonie Woolsey Kelly Wyatt

ALTO

Laura Boever Jo Goslar Susan Libbert Cathy Panella Joyce Steiner Pam Stressman Pam Turner

TENOR

Ernie Broughton Eric Butler
Craig Thompson

BASS

Michael Crann Rick Hartmann Chris Odell
Jim Reeves Ed Stressman Mark Turner Jim Wilkins

MUSICIANS

Beth Boesch Sarah Butler Midori Hall Marilyn Harter
Ethan Rempel Tim Ryan Charles Specht Mark Turner Sean Wyatt






TONIGHT! Join us for
Chili and Caroling
Sunday, December 11
6pm to 8pm

Blue Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 21 • 6:30pm

Not everyone enjoys the holiday season.
Many of us grieve the loss of loved ones, find ourselves alone, or just don't feel as joyful as others seem to be.
If you identify with these feelings of loss and sadness during the holidays, please join us for our Blue Christmas Service.



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