

## Third Sunday in Advent

## *Prelude*

## Lighting the Advent Candle

*\*Gathering Song*

*O Worship the King*

\*Invocation

Lord Jesus, as we search for signs of joy this week, help us to become the signs of joy that other are searching for. As these candles are but a glimpse of the light of the heavens, help us to be a glimpse of heaven's joy. Amen.

## Scripture

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, 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  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival."  
 I will remove disaster from you,  
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
 at that time.  
 And I will save the lame  
 and gather the outcast,  
 and I will change their shame into praise  
 and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
 at the time when I gather you;  
 for I will make you renowned and praised  
 among all the peoples of the earth,  
 when I restore your fortunes  
 before your eyes, says the LORD.

**Anthem**

***Will We Know Him***

Scripture                      Philippians 4:4-7                      See Insert

Message                      Christmas Is Coming                      Rev. Edward Dunn

***\*Responding Song                      Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus                      82***

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
 born to set thy people free;  
 from our fears and sins release us;  
 let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation,  
 hope of all the earth thou art;  
 dear desire of every nation,  
 joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver,  
 born a child and yet a king,  
 born to reign in us forever,  
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
 By thine own eternal Spirit  
 rule in all our hearts alone;  
 by thine all-sufficient merit  
 raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Prayers of the People

## Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Receiving our Offering

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

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### *\*Sending Song*

### *Love Has Come*

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*Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.*

*Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

## \*Blessing

*Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*