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3rd Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Rejoice in Renewal

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

God Made Low

Kauflin, Hansen

***CALL TO WORSHIP²**

One: Rejoice in the Lord always

All: We come to worship and rejoice.

One: Again, I say "rejoice!"

All: We come to worship and rejoice!

One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone

All: We come to worship and rejoice.

One: The Lord is near!

All: We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*HYMN

Lift Up Your Head Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here,
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

ALL: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

⁴Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
ACT OF PRAISE

Titus 3:3-7 (NRSV)
O Harken Ye^s

1. O heark-en ye who would be-lieve, The gra-cious ti - dings now re - ceive:
2. O heark-en ye who long for peace, Your trou-bled search-ing now may cease.
3. O heark-en ye who long for love, And turn your hearts to God a - bove.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - sis De - o.

The might-y Lord of heav'n and earth, To - day is come to hu - man birth.
For at this cra - dle you shall find God's heal - ing grace for all man-kind.
The an - gel's song the won - der tells: Now Love In - car - nate with us dwells!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - sis De - o.

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6 (NRSV)

WORSHIP CHOIR

Sing Gloria

Wagner

RESPONSIVE READING⁶

One: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE BAND

What a Glorious Night⁷

McDonald, Brown, Frey, Smith

WORSHIP CHOIR

Nativity Canon

Liebergen

WORSHIP CHOIR

All Is Well

arr. Graham

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OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Rejoice

Toby Baxley

Christmas Doxology[®]

Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
to the Ho-ly Spir-it, glo-ry to the Three-in-One. Here we of-fer to you
glad-ly all the gifts that you im-part, as we
glo-ry in your Pre-sence, giv-ing from a grate-ful heart.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

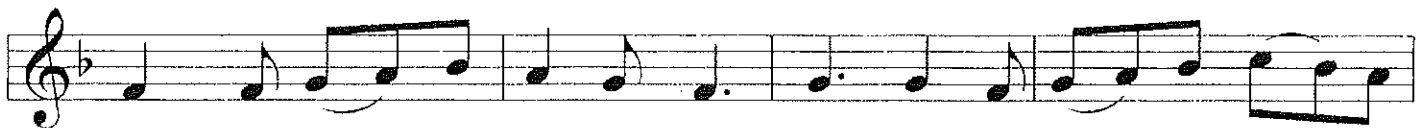
*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.



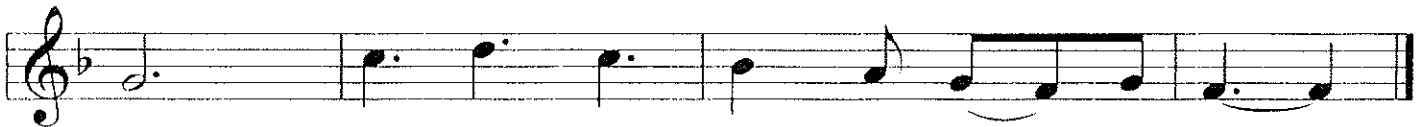
1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re-deem - er
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
 made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
 in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then
 sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
 life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 sing, All for to see the new - born King.
 men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

WORSHIP CHOIR

Christ is Born, Alleluia!

Lightfoot

SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3: 14-17 (ESV)

PRAISE BAND

What Can I Do? (Christmas Version)

Kendrick & Baloché

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

RESPONSIVE READING¹⁰ (text by Charles Wesley)

Leader: Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!

ALL: Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Leader: Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!

ALL: Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Leader: His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!

ALL: Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Leader: Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come and take His servants up to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

WORSHIP CHOIR

Rejoice

by Koerts

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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NOTES

Thank you to all who participated in the Cantata!

Worship Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Debbie Butcher	Brenda Beyer	David Firestone	Tom Bair
Barb Everhart	Helen Burns	Mike Gibbs	Braden Bicher
Doris Loucks	Nancy Kinard	Michael Maletz	Tom Green
Barb Neff	Paula Strayer		Les Loucks

Accompanist

Travis Pinci

Praise Band

Cora Beyer	Sydney Cooper	Mason DeMers
Evan Cooper	Denny Daugherty	Travis Pinci

Brass Ensemble

Matt Grimes	Missy Kiefer	Jordyn Myers	Ryan Myers
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Children's Choir/Bell Choir

Mackenzie Angelone	Jackson Markel	Katelyn Shiffer	Tobias Rhinehart
Jack Bicher	Sean McCracken	Anna Shindler	Vivi Rhinehart
Miles Crowell	Leyla Morcos	Ethan Shindler	
Charlie Devine	Allison Shiffer	Eloise Rhinehart	

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Bingaman, Krier, & Sutton families by Lynwood Schleeter.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Danika, Holt & Hayden's December birthdays with love from Drew.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Hayden, Holt, & Danika's birthday celebrations by Mom & Dad/Grandma & Grandpa Sleeper.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Cooper family

10:30 AM Tech Team: Elaine Bevivino, John Kollasch, Ron Miles, Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Dave Bailey

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

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¹⁰All My Heart Today Rejoices: Gerhardt (Trans: Winkworth)

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