

GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymnal #136

*Benediction and Congregational Response "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Renew #136, Ref.

Postlude

Serving Today

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Sermon on the Steps

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growing in the Spirit and joyously serving others



Interim/Transition Ministry Specialist Pastor: Rev. Dr. Gary J. Ziccardi

Christian Education is available for Children 5th grade and younger. They will be escorted from the front of the sanctuary right after the Children's Message. A Crib Room is available thru the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Questions? See an usher.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.

If you are able, please stand where you see an asterisk.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 16, 2018 9:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words for Preparation:

And love God, your God, listening obediently to him, firmly embracing him. Oh yes, he is life itself, a long life settled on the soil that God, your God, promised to give your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. . - Deuteronomy 30:20

Good morning! As the music for meditation is played and the acolyte lights the candles, please use this time in silent meditation as we prepare to worship and meet God in this sanctuary.

Music for Meditation

"Meditation"

J.S. Bach/ C.Gounod

Martha Jeanne Shaver, flute - Judy Kenney, piano

Playing of the Bells

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Wood Family

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

During this period, please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it through the pew and back to the aisle. If you have special prayers of praise or concern, write them on the cards in the pew racks, fold in half and pass them to the center aisle at the time of the prayers for the people. We conclude by singing together:

"Make Way"

Renew #60

* *Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendor arrives,*

Fling wide the gates and welcome him in to your lives.

Make way, make way for the King of kings

Make way, make way and let his kingdom in.

Choral Introit: "Joy to the World!" J. Rodriguez

The Call to Worship (Based on Zephaniah 3:14-20) Sharon Gehl

Leader: Sing aloud to God!

People: **Shout to the God of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us rejoice and lift up our hearts!

People: **Let us rejoice with great gladness!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Hymnal #143

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Congregational Response**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Hymnal #143, Ref

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR MERCY

Prayer of Confession

All: God of glory, by sending us Your Son Jesus Christ, You have given us confidence and hope, even in the midst of the most trying times. Yet instead of allowing that joy to fill our hearts, we permit disappointments and troubles to overwhelm us. Pardon our lack of faith. Grant us the ability to rejoice constantly, knowing that we are always in Your hands. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. Heb. 8:10-12; cf. Jer. 31:33-34

***Gloria Patri** Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Sermon on the Steps Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

Choir Anthem: "Glory to God in the Highest" G. Pergolesi

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Luke 7:3-18

Sermon "Confident Living" Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

RESPONDING TO GOD

***Hymn** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" Hymnal #163
(sung to "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come")

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Please sing) Renew #177
Our Father which 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.

Giving God our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Do You Hear What I Hear" N. Regney/G. Shayne
Gift of Dance: Mary-Margaret Allen, Claudia Hyson-Hightower, Karyn Lee

***Congregational Response** See Screen

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: With joyful hearts we bring our gifts to You this day, O God. With joyful hearts we offer to You all that we are and all that we have. Accept our offerings and put them to use so that the good news of Your salvation may be boldly declared to all creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.