

December 12, 2010

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Today there is good news for us to behold!

P: Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found blessing in God's sight.

L: For in the mercy and love of God, the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain, those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing, and there shall be peace.

P: God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.

L: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

P: Believe in the power of God in all things. Amen.

TWO VOICES OF JOY

Melanie Howard and Joy Barclay

LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE

Today we add the candle of joy to those of peace and hope, praying that we might experience each this season.

(Lighting of the third Advent Candle)

Hail to the Lord's anointed! Amen.

*HYMN *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

UMH No. 203

PRAYER OF CONFESSION O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let the urgent voices of your prophets and shepherds pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. As we wait for the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our impatience give way to stillness, complacency to action, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, Jesus your Son. Amen. MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"* UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 11:2-11*

SERMON *"Oh Joy, I Get to Wait"* **Ryan Krauss**

*HYMN *"What Child Is This"* UMH No. 219

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

*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

Mighty God, prepare the world for your reign! We long for the day when there will be no more crying or tears, and death will be destroyed. May these gifts, and praises, and service be acceptable agents of your compassion. Amen

*HYMN *"Joy to the World"* UMH No. 246

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Blest Be the Tie that Binds* UMH No. 557

*LORD'S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.