

*First***CHURCH**
First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Advent 3: Joy

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“I am not done yet”

by Lucille Clifton

as possible as yeast
as imminent as bread
a collection of safe habits
a collection of cares
less certain than i seem
more certain than i was
a changed changer
i continue to continue
what i have been
most of my lives is
where i'm going

PRELUDE

“Introit for Advent III” *Gaudete* (Rejoice)
The Schola of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary
Gerald W. Holbrook, conductor

Gregorian Chant

“In Dulci Jubilo” (“In Sweet Rejoicing”)
Gerald W. Holbrook, organ

J. Michael Bach (1648-1694)

“My Soul Gives Glory To My God” Text by Miriam Therese Winter,
Tune (MORNING SONG) from *Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music*
Jordan Ortman, piano

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabelle” 17th Century Provencal Christmas Carol,
Jordan Ortman, piano Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

“Canon de Noel” (Pachelbel’s *Canon in D* and *The First Noel*)
Jordan Ortman, piano Arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

THE CALL Fran and Rich Saxon, Michael Mather,
Kathy Licht, Alexandra Honig

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Fran and Rich Saxon

HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee,” Vs. 1 & 5 L. von Beethoven
Kirsten Carpenter, soprano (1770-1827)

THE WITNESS OF MUSIC Dr. Gerald Holbrook

ANTHEM “Blest Be the God of Israel” R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1858)
Singers: Tessa Espinosa, Carlisle Momberger, Katheryne Baker,
Paul Stuber, Kyle Griffin, Dominic Aragon

THE SCRIPTURE READING Arianna McCue

Luke 1:1-4; 26-56 (CEB)

Many people have already applied themselves to the task of compiling an account of the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used what the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed down to us. Now, after having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, I have also decided to write a carefully ordered account for you, most honorable Theophilus. I want you to have confidence in the soundness of the instruction you have received....

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David’s house. The virgin’s name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, “Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!” She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might

be. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob’s house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom.”

Then Mary said to the angel, “How will this happen since I haven’t had sexual relations with a man?”

The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God’s Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled ‘unable to conceive’ is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God.”

Then Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, “God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her.”

Mary said,

“With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

He shows mercy to everyone,

from one generation to the next, who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.

***This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let's remember to offer peace to one another.***

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5291240473>

Join Us for Our Service on December 20, 2020

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

The lovely poinsettias that are beautifying our sanctuary during Advent were given by Fran and Rich Saxon in memory of the many friends who have passed away during this last year.

December Special Offering Split between Pastor's Love Fund and the Nederland Food Pantry

The December special offering will be divided 50-50 between the Pastor's Love Fund and the Nederland Food Pantry, which our youth have supported for a number of years with volunteer work and collecting supplies. The Love Fund enables Pastor Mike to assist folks who are needing some extra help with food security, rent payments, medical expenses, gas money, and other needs that arise in everyday life. The Nederland Food Pantry helps fight food insecurity for clients in the Nederland area, and also has a clothing closet to make clothes available to those that need them, free of charge. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "December special offering" in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church at 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. If you'd prefer to give online through our website, click on the green "Give" tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, click the "Donate Now" button, and type in the amount you'd like to give on the line for "December Mission Offering." Thank you for your generous support of this special offering.

Giving to FUMC During the Pandemic

Just a reminder that FUMC can still receive your offering gifts to support God's work in the world. Mail is still being checked several times each week in the church office, so you can mail checks, made payable to First United Methodist Church, to 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. You can also give online via our website: <https://funcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.