

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**Kathy Pagano**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

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***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**JUBILATION STATION PAGEANT**

*Introit: Bethlehem*

**LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**\*Advent Song**

**#2090(vs 3)**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

**P: Divine love that heals and transforms our lives.**

L: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

**P: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.**

L: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

**P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of Light, we rejoice in your compassion for us. You send us your light and your healing love so that we may become better representatives of you in this world that cries for justice and peace. Be with us this morning and we gather to hear your word for us. Amen.

*ANTHEM: Born in Bethlehem*

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 34:4-8

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**\*HYMN: Star Child**

**#2095**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

Do you taste what I taste?

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#95**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Joyful**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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