



Falmouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation



10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY

Dec. 12th, 2021



GOD'S REVOLUTION OF LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC “Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella” Ray Cornils
arr. Denis Bedard

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE “A Maiden Most Gentle” Ray Cornils
arr. Andrew Grant

CALL TO WORSHIP &

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE¹ The Henderson Family

One: God of delight, God of celebration, God of good news of great joy for all people—

All: We pray for Your world so full of sorrows.

One: Let us weep with those who weep

All: And sing with those who sing


One: Most of all give us voices to join with Mary in singing

All: Singing of how you delight in lifting up the lowly, scattering the proud, and filling the hungry with good things.

The third candle is lit, symbolizing Joy.

One: May we be people of joy, in our homes, our community, our world.

All: Come, Jesus, Come.



¹ Call to Worship inspired by our 2021 Advent devotional, *Advent in Full Color*, which is available in Fellowship Hall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: When Mary was with child the world viewed her with suspicion.

All: We admit that we, too, struggle to believe other's truths, and even silence the knowledge of our own hearts.

One: As Joseph and Mary searched for a place to shelter, the world closed its doors.

All: We confess that we, too, close ourselves off from the suffering of this world, choosing apathy over empathy and ignorance over engagement.

One: When Jesus was born the powerful attacked his family, trying to stamp out the hope he promised.

All: We realize that we, too, participate in systems that oppress the vulnerable. We, too, are afraid to fully embrace the hope that God offers us.

One: Emmanuel, God with us, forgive us our trespasses and open our hearts.

All: So that on Christmas Day we will be ready to receive You in our midst and our lives may be testaments of the Christmas Story.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us remember: Christ came to earth so that we might be redeemed.

All: There is nothing we can do, think, or say, that can separate us from our God who loves us.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

HYMN

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Lydia Hill

THE SERMON

Rev. Edson

ANTHEM

“Why Not Buy An Extra Present?”
Mike Sammes

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERTORY

HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”
arr. Jonathan Scott

Ray Cornils

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If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	The Rev. Amelia Edson, Settled Pastor
Music:	Ray Cornils
Ushers:	Lauren Jordy & Karin Kurry
Kids’ Church:	Kristen Tripp
Liturgist:	Lydia Hill
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Mic 5:2-5a; Hebrew 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)