8:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

Gathering Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"Listen for His Coming" - Hayes "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)" - Larson Carol Heagy, piano

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Josh

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Call to Worship (see center pane)

*UMH 158

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Opening Prayer (see center pane)

*UMH 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

Prayer for Insight and Understanding Pete LoBianco

Scripture Lesson Galatians 4:4-7

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Siri Naugle & Cathy Mann

*UMH 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives

A Call to Stewardship

(Online giving is available at zionumcyork.org)

Offertory: "Angel of Hope"

*Doxology UMH 95

*UMH 186 "Alleluia"

Scripture Lesson Matthew 1:20-25

Sermon "Missing Peace: Why Is God Making Me Wait?" Pastor Josh

Our Response in Prayer

(concluding with The Lord's Prayer printed on back pane)

*UMH 670 "Go Forth for God"

*Blessing and Dismissal

*Postlude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Johnson



*Call to Worship:

Pastor: In the seasons of waiting, when answers seem delayed and peace feels far away...

Congregation: We look to the God who is never late and never absent.

Pastor: When our plans fall apart and our confidence shakes...

Congregation: We trust in the One whose timing is perfect.

Pastor: When confusion rises, when fear whispers, when uncertainty weighs heavy...

Congregation: We turn our eyes to the Father who works in the waiting.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who meets us in the tension, grows us in the silence, and leads us in His love.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer:

God of perfect timing, We confess that waiting is hard for us. We rush, we worry, we try to take control, and when You seem silent, we feel unsettled. But today, Lord, we pause. We breathe. We open our hands and hearts to You. Just as You spoke to Joseph in the quiet of the night, speak to us in these moments. Just as You sent Your Son "in the fullness of time," remind us that Your timing is never random, never careless, never delayed. Grow our trust. Deepen our peace. Help us see that the waiting is not wasted — it is where You prepare us, shape us, and draw us close. Come, Lord Jesus. Meet us here. We are listening.

Amen.

The Candle of Joy

Reader 1: Today we light the **Candle of Joy**. Joy may seem out of place when peace is missing—but in Scripture, joy often arrives in unexpected places: in a manger, in a desert, in the lives of people who were afraid.

Congregation: We choose joy because Christ meets us even in the mess.

Reader 2: Joy is not the result of everything going right. Joy is the fruit of God's presence— a reminder that even when the world feels unsettled, God is doing something new.

All: As we light the Candle of Joy, we rejoice that Christ brings good news into every corner of our lives—even the ones missing peace.

(Light the third candle.)

10:30 AM in the Christian Life Center

Contemporary Worship

"At His Feet" Praise Band Owen Rynex, Worship Leader

> Welcome to Worship Pastor Josh

Passing of the Peace

<u>Lighting of the Third Advent Candle</u> Dean & Joyce Meyer, Amy, Sophie & Maddie Wensel

> Songs We Sing (Joy to the World) Emmanuel

Scripture Lessons, Leo Haraschak, Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Offering
Offertory Song: PEACE

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Closing Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Blessing and Dismissal Pastor Josh

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For your convenience, the words to all songs, scriptures and responses will be projected on the big screen above the stage.



Welcome to Zion Church

Whether you are a first time guest, a new resident, seeking a church, or just visiting the area, we're glad you took the time to join us for worship. We are a United Methodist congregation with a mission of transforming lives by connecting hearts and homes to Christ. We'd love to have you join us on our journey of faith.



A bright and safe nursery is available for your child through age 4 if needed during worship and the Sunday school/Discipleship Hour.



Remember our Sisters and Brothers in Your Prayers

Donna Knott & Family, John Mann, Ruth T, Andy, Joan, Judy and Family of Gene Eyler, Christopher S, Cindy Y, Dave S, Kristy Heim, Maggie Hengst, Emily, Frank Forbes, Cheri Stine, Tom Shaffer, Linda, Mayetta Becker, Kevin Weimer, Janice Smith, People of USA, All recovering from floods, fires, loss of loved ones & homes. First Responders, US Military.

The Worship Folders are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Firestone and are presented by Ray & Lana Godfrey.



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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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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

Sermon Notes

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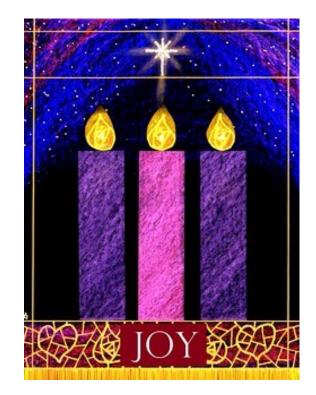
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