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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE JOINT WORSHIP
DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 10:00 am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏: – Shane Cantanho

WELCOME 歓迎: — Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual
Formation, Community Engagement, and Music

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 招きの言葉: – Robert Mitchell

Leader: Come, all of you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

People: We come to Wesley this morning, to meet the One who promises us rest.

Leader: Take Christ's yoke upon you and learn from him.

People: Help us to understand that he is gentle and humble in heart.

Leader: Know that his yoke is easy, and his burden is

light.

All: We come to Wesley this morning, willing to let go and let God. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER 祈禱:** – Robert Mitchell

Jesus, we come tired, tired in our bodies, tired in our minds, tired in our souls. Some of us are carrying grief, worry, fear or perhaps burdened with anxiety. Today we hear your invitation: “Come to me.” Teach us your gentle ways. Trade our clenched fists for open hands. Give us rest that is deeper than just a good night’s sleep. Grant us a rest that heals our weary souls and re-centers us in your never-ending love. Amen.

***SONG: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”**

– Wesley Praise Band

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Good Christian friends, rejoice!
With heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say:
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, yes!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice!
With heart and soul and voice!
Now you hear of endless bliss:
News! News! Jesus Christ is born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and you are blest forevermore.
Christ is born for this, yes!
Christ is born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice!
With heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave:
News! News! Jesus Christ is born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ is born to save, yes!
Christ is born to save!
Christ is born to save, yes!
Christ is born to save!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

— Andrea & Kim Smith-Landucci

Reader 1: Welcome to Advent: An Advent of
Renewal. This week we release the burden of
proving ourselves.

Reader 2: Jesus offers rest—not for the perfectly put-together, but for the weary and carrying too much.

Reader 1: Joy rises when we stop striving for worthiness and receive grace as a gift.

Reader 2: We light the candle of joy, trusting Christ’s gentle way will renew our strength and lighten our load. (Light the 3rd candle.)

GOD’S GARDEN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

– Directed by Hatty Lin

Children and Youth dismissed to their classes.

ANTHEM: “Dear Little Stranger” — Chancel Choir

conducted by Denise Rawlinson

Words by Charles H. Gabriel and Music by Tom Tettke

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SCRIPTURE 聖書: — Robert Mitchell

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE聖書: – Yosuke Ishii 石井洋介
マタイによる福音書11章28節-30節(新共同訳)

²⁸疲れた者、重荷を負う者は、だれでもわたしのもとに来なさい。休ませてあげよう。²⁹わたしは柔和で謙遜な者だから、わたしの軛を負い、わたしに学びなさい。そうすれば、あなたがたは安らぎを得られる。³⁰わたしの軛は負いやすく、わたしの荷は軽いからである。」

MESSAGE 説教:

“Come, All Who Are Weary and Rest”

– Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

SONG: “Come Unto Me (Matthew 11)”

– Wesley Praise Band

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Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

All things are given unto those who believe.
Princes and lowly ones, his blessings receive.
And just when I think that means everyone but me,
Jesus comes beckoning to me.

Come unto me, all who are weak,

weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

Enter the Holy Gates, just as you are.
No need for a happy face,
just come with your heart,
And Jesus will bring us a joyful melody,
if only his calling we heed.

Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

We are his little ones, children of God.
Children and fellow heirs of his Kingdom come.
And we share the greatest love
the world has ever seen
here in the Lord's family.

Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金: — Robert Mitchell

OFFERTORY MUSIC: — Shane Cantanho

***DOXOLOGY 頌栄:** — Wesley Praise Band

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words by Thomas Ken, Music by Luis Bourgeois

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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.

In Japanese:

A-me-tsu-chi ko-zo-ri-te

Ka-shi-ko-mi ta-ta-e-yo

Mi-me-gu-mi a-fu-ru-ru

Chi-chi mi-ko mi-ta-ma wo. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER 祈禱:** — Robert Mitchell

God of grace, as we offer these gifts, we do it as people learning to live lighter, less grasping, less anxious, and more free. Use what we bring to lift burdens in this community: to feed, to welcome, to heal, to serve. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈禱: — Rev. John Oda

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Creator, 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.

***HYMN: “Joy to the World” — UMH #246**

— Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Isaac Watts, Music arr. from G.F. Handel by Lowell Mason
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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;

he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

***BENEDICTION 祝禱:** – Rev. John Oda

***RESPONSE 応答:** – “Go Now In Peace”

– Wesley Praise Band

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Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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