



Living Mosaics
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song #100

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Say to those of fearful heart: "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

Behold! The glory of the Lord shines upon us!

Say to those with weak hands and feeble knees:

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

Behold! In splendor the Lord dwells among us!

The barren lands burst into bloom; the desert erupts with delight.

We join creation's song:

With joy in our hearts, let us worship God!

(Inspired by Isaiah 35:1-10)

Song #107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Eileen and Tatiana Maroney and Rob Gooderham

"Look!" the prophet proclaims,
behold the glory of God's new day:

**The desert blooms with song;
wastelands yield a harvest of joy.**

Souls thirsting for mercy find God's embrace,
and hearts hungry for hope feast on grace.

**The wounded rise, healed and whole,
and the despairing shine with hope restored.**

"Look!" the prophet proclaims,
can you imagine God's dream for creation?

**Joy wells up, like a bubbling spring,
to water the parched places of our lives.**

Gardens of gladness displace desolation,
and faith-filled eyes behold a bright horizon.

**"Look," we echo. Sing out your joy!
For God's new day is dawning.**

Today we light the third candle
as we wait in wonder for the Child of Joy.

Advent Prayer

Emmanuel —

**You enter the heartache and hurt of daily life
and transform dismal landscapes**

into havens of grace where all life flourishes.

As we strain our eyes

for glimpses of your new creation

fill us with peace,

sustain us in hope,

and overwhelm us with joy,

so that we may share the glad tidings:

Our Lord is near! Amen.

Response #85 “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Vs. 1 - 3

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Song #86

“The People Who Walked in Darkness”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Song #360

“Christ Is Coming!”

Sending

Song #95

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children’s Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon. At 10:10 a.m. we offer classes for all ages.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone’s day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and with gratitude for the many years of wonderful music and dedication by Paul Fleckenstein. Wishing you the very best in retirement. Josh, Rick, Alejandro & Leonardo.

Please remember in your prayers Janet Beeson, Jamie Cartmell, Linda Depfer, Janice Nolen, Fred Schmitt, Ron Shelly.

Children are welcome. Yellow worship bags for children are located the chapel entrance.

Image: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park during the 2017 “Super Bloom” in California’s desert. Photo by Ron Thomas, Los Angeles Magazine, <https://www.lamag.com/citythinkblog/super-bloom/>.

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