



A HOME FOR all

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021

First Baptist Church of Lafayette

Prelude

“O Come”

arr. Herin

Lydia Herin, piano

Welcome to Worship

Len Wilson

Hymn of Rejoicing

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#59

(Verse 1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flower before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

(Verse 4) Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;

Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Call to Worship*

Len Wilson

A voice calls out in the wilderness

It sings of a home for all.

It speaks of justice and peace.

We could choose to ignore it.

We could drown out that song.

* Call to Worship, Candle Liturgy, Pastoral Prayer, & Benediction by Rev. Sarah Are Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

We could choose not to listen.

Instead, we come into this space.

We let the world grow quiet.

We listen.

A voice calls out in the wilderness.

Do you hear it?

We hear it. In listening, we worship.

Let us draw near to God.

Children's Sermon

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

Hymn of Delight

"How Great Our Joy!"

#200

(Verse 1) While by the sheep we watched at night,

Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

(Verse 2) There shall be born, so he did say,

In Bethlehem a Child today.

How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

(Verse 4) This gift of God we'll cherish well,

That every joy our hearts shall fill.

How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Lighting the Candle of Joy* The Herin Family
Response to Candle of Joy² Congregation

Kindle this flame of joy. May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

Invitation to Prayer Rev. Hood
 "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying!" Bach/Gerig

Melanie Manges, piano

Pastoral Prayer* & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Hood

New Testament Reading Luke 3: 2-18 Jacob Herin

Worship Arts "Little Drop of Heaven" Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

Sermon A Home for All Rev. Kim Brewer

Hymn of Joy "Joy to the World!" #179

(Verse 1) 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.

(Verse 2) Joy to the earth!

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.

(Verse 4) 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.

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Offering Len Wilson

*Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
Teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
That we might praise you not with our words only,
But with our whole lives. Amen.*

Offertory Point of Grace
"Not That Far from Bethlehem"
Lydia Herin, pianist & vocalist

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Congregational Response to New Members

*In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.
We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.*

Announcements Rev. Brewer

Benediction* Rev. Brewer

Postlude Handel/Smith
"Joy to the World/Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
Melanie Manges, piano

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