

**Cross Roads UMC-10am Service**  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Gathering Music: Joyful, Joyful,  
We Adore You**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of light;  
Angels lifting praise before You  
Sing thro'out this holy night.  
In a manger lies a Baby  
Child of Mary, Son of God.  
Voices joined in joyful chorus  
Praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory;  
All creation joins to sing.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices  
In the birth of Christ, the King.  
Shepherds kneel before the Infant.  
Trumpets sound and anthems raise  
As with joy our hearts are lifted,  
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

**Welcome**

**Advent Candle Wreath Lighting**

**Song of Praise: Joy Unspeakable Joy**

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  
That 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

**Chorus:**

*Joy, unspeakable joy  
An overflowing well  
No tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go*

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  
**Repeat Chorus**

**Children's Moment**

**Song: Here I Am to Worship**

Emmanuel,  
You stepped down walked among us,  
Born as a child, yet a King  
Angels proclaimed of the birth of a Savior  
Hope of the world sent from God

**Chorus:**

*Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

Light of the world, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor.

**Repeat Chorus**

I thank You, Lord, this Christmas day  
For love came down my debt was paid  
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**Repeat Chorus**

**Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20 NRSV**

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Message: The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength**

**A Time of Giving with Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Closing Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

#### ***Chorus:***

***Come and worship,  
come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.***

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:

#### ***Repeat Chorus***

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;

seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

#### ***Repeat Chorus***

Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:

#### ***Repeat Chorus***

#### **The Blessing:**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace.  
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen.

#### **Postlude**