

# Happening @ Hanover

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Today, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in G Minor JS Bach

### Announcements

Call to Worship: In unison

**Come! Rejoice in our God. Let us give thanks to whatever life brings. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Let us prepare our hearts and our world for the Prince of Peace, who is coming. May all who weep come home with shouts of joy. Prepare the way of the Lord and make straight the path for God's arrival. In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the birth of love.**

**Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle - Joy**

Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the business overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joys when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others. Matthew tells us that when John asked if Jesus was the one to come, Jesus responded by saying look around you; our call in this advent journey is to look around us to see the one who comes already at work among us and to celebrate that presence with joy. We light the candles of Hope, Love and Joy to light our way as we journey. Come. Let us go up the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

**First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the

former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God!**

Call to Offering: In Unison

**Generous God, your love renews us and restores our strength. With gratitude, we offer you a portion of what you have given to us. Receive our gifts, our prayers, and our service, that your church may become a source of hope for the world. AMEN.**

Offertory: Peace Eugene Englert

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**Second Scripture Lesson: John 1: 6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They

asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **WHO?**

Sending Forth: In unison

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, anointing us to bring hope to all people. Go, and prepare the way for the Lord of Love. Amen.**

Postlude: March Udden

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*We will be worshipping online only until further notice. To participate in the Zoom Devotion time, see details under the Fellowship tab on our website.*

**Organist:** David Hottel

**Pianist:** Yvonne Davis

**Praise Team:** Jacob DeAtley, Deano Crafton

**HAPPENING IN DECEMBER**

Sun	13	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Devotions and Fellowship
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group
Mon	14	Care Team	(Virtual)
Sun	20	8:00 am	Face Book Live
		9:30	Devotions and Fellowship
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group
Mon	21		Office closed
Tue	22		Office closed
Wed	23		Office Closed
Thu	24	4:30-5:00	Drive thru
			Communion
		6:00	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Fri	25		Christmas Day
Sun	27	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Devotions and Fellowship
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group
Mon	28		Office closed
Tue	29		Office closed
Wed	30		Office closed

**GIVING TREE**

Don't forget to bring you gifts in for the Giving Tree. They need to be wrapped with the tags on and back here by December 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Music of the Season**

During Advent, we are blessed to have Jacob DeAtley and Deano Crafton playing music of the season at noon on Sunday December 13, 20, and 27. Yvonne Davis will be playing music of the season at 3:00 on Sundays, December 13, 20, and 27. We are so grateful for their talents. Thank you!