



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

Tom & Karolen Bowman

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.
We light this candle in hope.
We light this candle for peace.
We light this candle in joy.

One: Hear now this message of joy from 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18:
"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

**Sung: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

One: God of hope, God of peace, God of joy
You are our salvation;
we trust in you and are not afraid.
Lead us to draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Hymn (#100)**

Canticle of the Turning

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
You love justice;
why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil?

**You have given us the gift of your Spirit;
why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us?
You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself;
why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you?
You have sent the light into the world;
why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light?
Forgive us. Restore us.
Till and tend us as your garden
until righteousness and praise spring up,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

***Silence for Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:46b–55
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon A Song of Justice Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

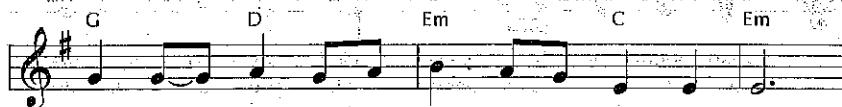
Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy - must - de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put, the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.