

## Knox United Church

December 13, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - JOY



### Swagatam, Tansi, Welcome:

As we join together in worship we acknowledge that we live on Turtle island, land that creator brought out of the waters so all could have life. Turtle island is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

### Gathering Together in Song:

#### Welcome and Announcement:

#### Candle Lighting - Advent 3 - Joy

Luke 1:13-14, Luke 1: 39-44, Matthew 2: 9-10, Luke 2: 8-11

With music and song,  
with laughter and mirth,  
with movement and dance,

**Let us celebrate the source of joy,  
the spirit of life who will be born in our midst.**

With stillness and prayer,  
with wisdom and depth,  
with passion and heart,

**Let us celebrate the source of joy,  
the spirit of life who will be born in our midst.**

With action and care,  
with service and love,  
with respect and grace,

**Let us celebrate the source of joy,  
the spirit of life who will be born in our midst.**

In the midst of planning and rushing,  
in the midst of shopping and feasting,  
in the midst of worshipping and candle-lighting,

**Let us celebrate the source of joy,  
the spirit of life who will be born in our midst.**

*(lighting of the third Advent candle)*

#### Singing: VU #6 'A Candle Is Burning', vs. 3

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

#### Singing: VU 22 Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, God's day is near.  
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

## Call to Worship: Dana Miranda

### Passing the Peace

**Children's Time: "Thunder in the Desert"** with Guest "Robbie the Dragon" – written by James Lepard

### Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

#### English

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.)

#### Nepali

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ,  
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्।  
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ,  
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।  
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।  
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्  
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा  
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्, आमेन।

### Singing / Dancing : Ruth Gurung

### Scripture Readings: Luke 1: 46-55

**Music Ministry:** "Dreaming Mary" - Paul Hagerman

**Reflection: Enceinte – Advent Reflection – Caryn Douglas**

### Singing: MV 120 My Soul Cries Out.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### **Refrain**

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!***

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,

You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

**Offering Drama: Srijana Shahi and Subash Bakhati**

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**Music / Dance Ministry: The Khadka Family**

**Community Prayer**

**Singing: VU #884 You Shall Go Out With Joy**

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands  
*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands xx*  
*The trees of the field will clap their hands xx*  
*The trees of the field will clap their hands*  
*While you go out with joy.*

**Blessing**