

Order of Worship for the Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021, 11:00 am

The OnCenter Band

Song

Come On In

by Joel Lindsey

Verse 1

Standing outside the door of love and mercy
you wonder if there's a place there for you.

You know there's peace inside but still you're searching
for someone who understands the pain you've been through.

Well, the Father waits with open arms,
he's calling out your name.

Chorus 1

Come on in. Welcome home.

You are loved and you belong here now.

No matter where you've been, come on in.

Come on in.

Verse 2

You'll find a place of rest in the arms of Jesus.

He's waited so long for your homecoming day.

He knows the peace you need and the hurt you're feeling.

He wants to hold you and to wipe your tears away.

Well, the door's unlocked, the lights are on,
what are you waiting for?

Chorus 2

Come on in. Welcome home.

You are loved and you belong here now.

No matter where you've been, come on in.

Bridge

There is room enough in the home of love
for someone just like you.

Chorus 3 [x2]

Come on in. Welcome home.

You are loved and you belong here now.

No matter where you've been.

Tag [x2]

Come on in.

Gathering In

with Amy Hollander

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Candle Lighting

Joy

with Melissa, Owen, Ian & Autumn DeCamp

A: Joy is seeing people you love after months apart.

B: Joy is hearing, "Come on over, it has been too long!"

A: Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.

B: Joy is making it home when the journey is long.

A: Joy is your dog sliding to meet you at the door.

B: Joy is the energy of a new season.

A: Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.

B: So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.

A: Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you.

B: Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.

Song

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Traditional Hymn: Lyrics by Isaac Watts,

music by George F Handel

arranged and additional chorus by

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Matt Gilder

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 world! The Saviour 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!

Chorus

Joy, unspeakable joy!

An overflowing well,

no tongue can tell!

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Joy, unspeakable joy
rises in my soul,
never lets me go!

Verse 3

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!

Chorus

Greet your Community

with Amy Hollander

Song

Big House

by Audio Adrenaline

Come and go with me to my Father's house. [x2]
It's a big, big house with lots and lots of room.
A big, big table with lots and lots of food.
A big, big yard where we can play football.
It's a big, big house, it's my Father's....house!

Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

Advent Poem

Advocating for Home

by Rev Sarah Speed

with June Green

I know you don't feel at home in your body.
Your clothes don't feel right.
Your bones don't feel right.
Your name, just a word that
people have labeled you with.
I see the way you try on pronouns
like I try on clothes,
looking for something—anything—that feels right.

And what I would give to build you a shelter—
a safe space where you could be,
a home where you were safe and free.
What I would give to carve out some room
for you to process and grieve
and dance and sing your way
into your true self.

But I know
it's not that easy.
My hands cannot build you safety.

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My words cannot give you time.
My heart cannot be home enough.
So until the day when you are truly at home,
I will keep marching for you.
I will keep advocating for the home you deserve—
the home in your own skin.
I will keep praying.
I will give you my second coat,
and the shirt off my back,
and the food from my table.
I won't give up on preparing the way.

A voice is calling out in the wilderness.
Do you hear it?
There's more for us here than has been before.

Scripture with Dale Zimmerman

Luke 3:1-18

^{3:1} In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for

the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even

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tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Message

A Home for All

with Pastor Hannah

Prairie Prayer Partners & Prayer for Community

with Pastor Jeremiah

Mission Minute

with Amy Hollander

Song

Echo

by Alexander Pappas, Chris Brown, Israel Houghton,
Matthew Ntlele & Steven Furtik
arranged by Dustin Loehrs

Verse 1

When night has fallen,
when fear is common,
still you're calling me.
When faith is lost and
my hope exhausted
you will be my strength.

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Pre-chorus

When my mind says
I'm not good enough,
God, you're enough for me.
I've decided I'm not giving up,
you won't give up on me.
You won't give up on me.

Chorus

Your love is holding on and it won't let go.
I feel it breaking out like an echo.
Your love is holding on and it won't let go.

Tag 1

I feel it breaking out like an echo.
Echo in my soul, soul.

Verse 2

In ev'ry season
you keep repeating
promises to me.
Now there's no stopping
what you have started
til it is complete.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Tag 2

Echo in my soul, soul.

In my soul, soul.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Tag 3

Echo in my soul.

Offertory Invitation

with Pastor Jeremiah

Song

Thank You

by Chandler Moore, Dante Bowe & Stephanie Gretzinger
arranged by Dustin Loehrs

Verse 1

I can sing a billion songs,
dance till my feet are numb,
spin till I'm empty and poor,
can't praise you enough.

Verse 2

I can shout till
my voice gives way,

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leap till I have no strength,
lose my breath tryin' to explain,
can't praise you enough.

Pre-chorus

And if time were to stall
I can never tell it all.
Words are few
this will have to do

Chorus [x2]

I just want to thank you.
I just want to thank you.
I just want to thank you.
I'm so grateful.

Verse 3

You sang till I found my song.
You danced till my heart woke up.
Now I move to the rhythm of love,
can't praise you enough.

Verse 4

You wept till I found my way.
Lost your breath dying to save.
I'll never go back to that grace.
I can't praise you enough.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Bridge

I'm standing in the promise,
surrounded by your goodness.
You have overwhelmed us,
hallelujah.
I'm standing in the promise,
surrounded by your goodness.
You're just getting started,
hallelujah.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Ending

We just want to thank you.
We just want to thank you.
We just want to thank you.
We're so grateful.

Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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Sending Forth with Amy Hollander

Song

Now Is the Time

by Martin Smith, Matt Redman, Stuart Garrard, Jon Thatcher,
Stewart Smith & Tim Jupp

Verse 1

The winds are blowing through again
so we must follow.
A people daring to believe
we can change tomorrow.
And be the miracle of light
and we won't give up the fight.

Chorus

Now is the time for us to shine.
Shine with the face of Christ divine.
No compromise for all heaven cries.
Now is the time!

Verse 2

The river's running through again rejuvenating.
For everything you touch you change

and we've all been changing.
We're a city shining on a hill,
tell this world you're shining still,
tell this world you always will.

Chorus

Bridge

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, King of lights.
Jesus, Jesus, raise a church that's shining bright.
I want to follow but what does it mean,
to live in this world and keep everything clean.
Nothing I own here is ever my own.
When I live in the mercy and blessing you've shown.
I lay down my rights see the world through your eyes
and fight for the hungry who pay for our lives.
I want to have you in all of my world.
So Jesus consume me, flow through me.

Chorus