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JOY

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Prelude
Welcome & Making Space for Spirit

Lighting the Candle of Joy
In a world full of fear, where do you see
glimmers of joy?

We see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards.
We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents.
We see joy in meals around the table and singing Christmas songs.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, joy is all around us.
Today we light the candle of joy
as a reminder of this good news.
May this flicker of light help us remember
that even in a fearful world, joy is here.
Joy is real. We only have to look for it.

(Lighting the Candle)

Thanks be to God for that good news! Amen.

Grounding Song: “Hope For Everyone” (By Matt Maher)

Come let us adore, there’s hope for everyone.
On the manger floor, there’s hope for everyone.
What you waiting for, there’s hope for everyone.
Come adore, there’s hope for everyone.

We are waiting on the promise, from the One who lights the darkness.
Bending low to be among us. Bring your glory in the highest, Jesus.
Bring your glory in the highest, Jesus.

Call to Worship
Jeremiah said, “I am only a boy.”
Moses said, “Who am I to do this work?”
Mary said, “How can this be?”
We often say, “But God, I am afraid.”
Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.
So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God’s invitation.
May we summon our courage and sing God’s praise.
Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!
Amen!

Shared Singing: “O Come”, by Anita Shaffer

Scripture Luke 1:26-39 NRSVue

Discussion

Anthem: “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”, by Stephen Schwartz

The Admiral Choir

Sharing Our Prayers of Joy I The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response: Emmanuel, Words and Music by Bob McGhee

Scripture Jeremiah 1:4-10 NRSVue

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

“Even in Our Fear, We Are Called Forward”, Rev Allysa De Wolf

Invitation to Give and to Community

Shared Singing: “Joy to the World”, NCH 143

Benediction

Postlude