

**Community Congregational Church  
of Chula Vista  
United Church of Christ**



**Third Sunday of Advent  
JOY**

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**December 12, 2021**

*\*Means please stand, as you are able*

**Prelude**

**Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Rev. Liz Aguilar**

**Liturgist**

**Ester Banayo**

**Call to Worship: (In Unison)**

Leader: Joy to the World!

**People: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**

Leader: Let us sing to the glory of God.

**People: Let us sing in the name of Christ**

Leader: who offers us hope in the prison of despair.

**People: Peace in the chaos of life**

Leader: and JOY in the midst of uncertainty.

**All: May heaven and nature sing, may heaven and nature sing!**

**Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)**

**Come Emmanuel, and dwell with us, make us your people indeed; the people through whom you bring love and justice to the world. Come Jesus and reign. Claim your rightful place in our hearts and in the midst of our community. Plant the seeds of hope, peace, and joy among us and establish God's reign on earth now and always. Amen.**

**\*Advent Hymn of Praise: (Red) #169**

**“ O Come O Come Emmanuel”  
vs. 1,2, & 4**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Advent Prayer: (In Unison)**

**Thank you, God that whatever happens in our lives, you are there. Thank you for the joy that babies bring and especially for the great joy of baby Jesus. Thank you, like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, we can all know your joy bursting into our lives. We pray that this Christmas, people will dance and sing for joy because they know that you are Lord. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

**“Blessed Are You”**

**Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 12: 2-6;**

**Luke 3: 10-18**

**Sermon**

**“Joy Changes Us”**

**Pastor Liz**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Ester Banayo**

**Offertory**

**Christine Ogden (*Flutist*)**

**Tanya Tapia (*Soprano*)**

**\*Offering Response \*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below,**

**Praise God for all that love has done,**

**Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Thank you, God, for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ; for the hope, peace, and joy that He gives to us. We ask that you may use these offerings for your good purpose in this corner of the world and beyond. May we know that when we give, we receive even more in return. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: (Red) #171 “Joy To The World” vs. 1,2, & 4**

**Benediction**

**Pastor Liz**

**Postlude**

**Lionel Jasmin & Chaz Keith**

## **Announcements**

**Welcome to Worship!** Thank you for joining us, today! We hope that you can consider making this your church home. If we do not have your information yet, please fill out a welcome card in the pew, in front of you. If you have any questions regarding our church please speak to one of the pastors or to an usher.

**Today there will be no coffee hour because EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE! The address is 759 Bajo Court.** It is between J Street and Telegraph Canyon Road, and east of the 805. Please stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Good food and fun are waiting for us!

**From Jerry May, Board of Trustees:** We are pleased to announce we have met the requirements to have our church be placed on the authorized charities list for Amazon Smile. You can specify our church as the recipient for your charitable donation when you purchase products on the Amazon Smile website.

The instructions for specifying our church as your choice for charitable giving are:

Go to Amazon Smile; Go to “Your Account”; Go to “Other Programs”; Select “Change your Amazon charity”; Go to “Pick your own charitable organization”; Input “Community Congregational UCC”; Pick the one that says Chula Vista, Ca; “Select.”

**\*\*Please continue to wear your masks during worship and in Bradley Hall. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

- Monday:** **Staff meeting via zoom** and in person at 12:30p.m  
**Trustees Meeting** via zoom at 4p.m.
- Tuesday:** **Quilters at 9 a.m.** in the small dining room  
**Mission Board Meeting at 10am** in the Giving Room
- Wednesday:** **Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Jamall** via zoom is at  
6:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** **Choir Practice at 7 p.m.**
- Friday:** **Bible Study with Rev. Victoria** at 9 a.m.  
**Pre-School Christmas Performance** from  
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA at 6 p.m.!**  
**(Bring your friends and family!)**
- Saturday:** **Healing Touch begins at 9:30 a.m.,** in the Lounge.  
(Call Yvonne Cena at (619) 405-2059 to rsvp).  
**The Art Group begins at 10 a.m.** in the Small Dining  
Room.

**\*Don't Forget! Come celebrate Christ's birth at the Christmas Eve Service; Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary!**

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey...  
you are welcome here!*

***Welcome! Mabuhay! Bienvenidos!***

We welcome you in the name of the still speaking God!  
We invite all **guests** to please **PRINT** their name and contact info  
on the **"Information Card"** in the pew rack and place the card  
in the offering plate. Anyone with a prayer request,  
please put it on the **"Information Card"** and place it in the offering plate.

*If you need assistance*, please ask our Greeters.

**Media Ministry:** Laurie Orange, Jerry May, Ko Tangen

***New Members are welcomed on a regular basis!*** If you would like to join the family of CCCC, please talk with one of the pastors today!

Senior Minister.....	Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar
Associate for Senior Ministry.....	Rev. Victoria Freiheit
Minister of Visitation.....	Pastor James Donahoo
Office Assistant.....	Sabrina Mosqueda
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.....	Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway
Church Musician.....	Lionel Jasmin
Parish Visitor.....	Erika Dennis
Parish Nurse.....	Luz Barrera
Event Coordinator.....	Sylvia Campbell
Sexton.....	Pelito Capistrano

