BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8:30 a.m. Sunday 12 December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)

Prelude and lighting of candles

Praise choruses: Selected carols

Lighting of the Advent candles*: THIRD SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:10

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Response: 2090 (Verse 3 only) "Light the Advent Candle"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 195 (Spoken, in unison: Verse 1 only)

"Send Your Word"

First lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalter: (Insert: Alternate leader and people) Isaiah 12:2-6

Response to psalter: (Sung in unison) **Joy to the world,**

the Lord is come!

Second lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Song: 2089 (*Tune*:399) "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

Gospel lesson: Luke 3:7-18

Sermon: "Do we know?"

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Blessing

Prelude and extinguishing of candles

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