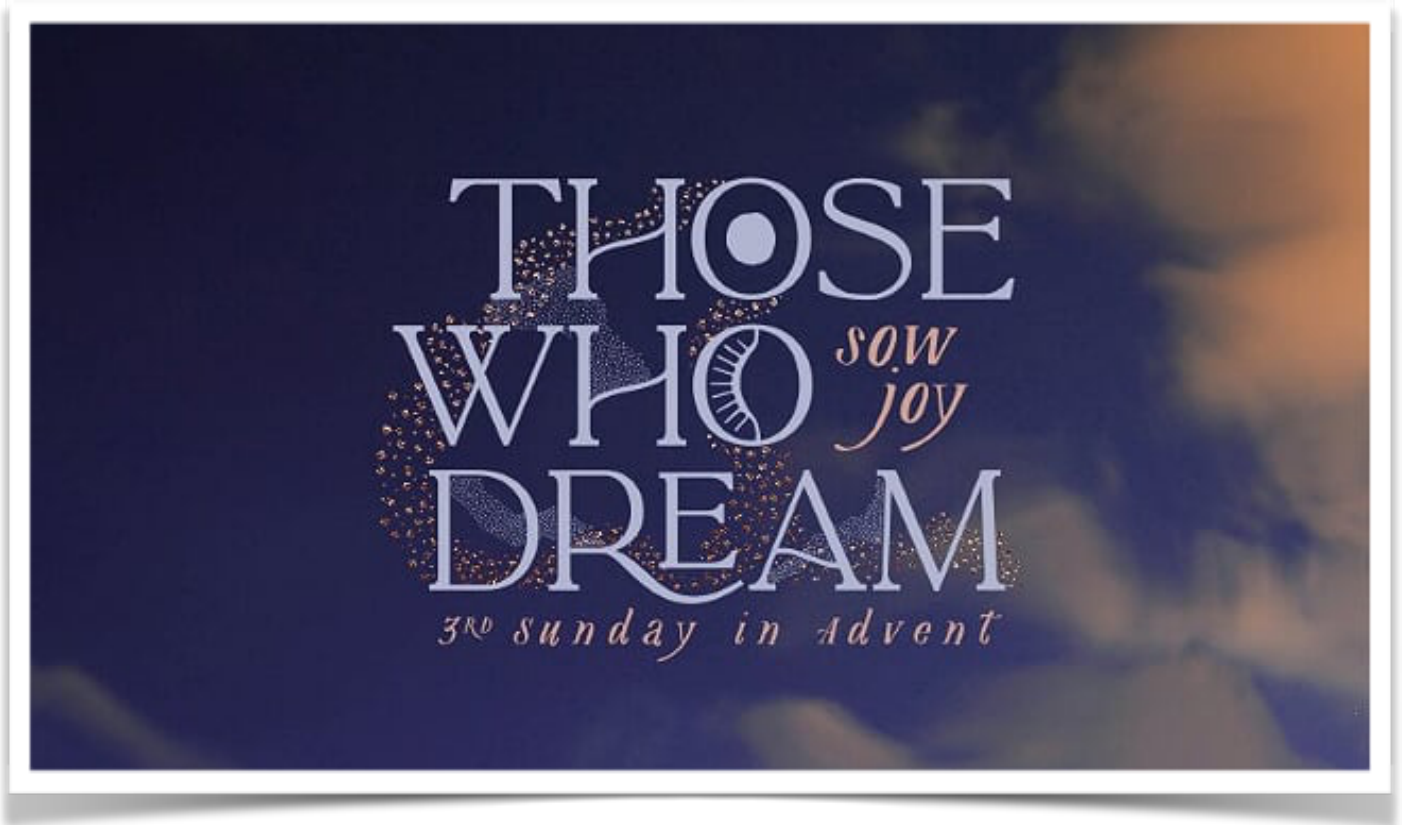


Christ Church United Church of Christ



December 13th, 2020

"No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Prelude

Psalm 126
"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Max Gise

Welcome

Call to Worship

Bert Bathiany, Liturgist

I want to tell you a story.

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a terrible day.

She left her lunch at home.

She skinned her knee on the playground, and no one wanted to sit with her on the bus. As she sank into her mother's arms at the end of the day, her mother said,

"Honey, what was the best part of today?"

The little girl cried and said, "Nothing! The entire day was terrible."

So the mother got down on one knee, wiped away her tears and said, "There is always some good. Sometimes we just really have to look for it."

The little girl looked up at her mom and said, "What is good about today?" And the mother said, "For starters, you're here in my arms."

Friends, anytime we gather together to worship God, we are here in God's arms. So may we recognize that gift, and in doing so, may we sow joy.

Let us worship Holy God.

"How Great Our Joy!" verses 1 & 2

Traditional German Carol

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Great our joy!

Refrain: Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

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There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today.

How great our joy! Great our joy! **Refrain.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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