



# ORDER OF WORSHIP DECEMBER 12, 2021 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It was like a dream, O God, when you came and filled my life with joy - for your restoration seemed too good to be true. You have done great things for me, God, and I rejoice. I pray that those who sow in tears will one day reap with shouts of joy; that their tears may be the seeds that bear sheaves of joy and gladness.  
(Melissa Yosua-Davis, inspired by Psalm 126)

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☒ We rise in body or spirit

## Welcome

*Here at CCC, we are all one family. Restrooms are in the Parish House across the street. Join in when bold letters appear. For COVID, we are masking, sanitizing hands, and practicing physical distancing. During songs, we invite you to be in prayerful meditation or sing along in your heart.*

## Call to Worship

## Lighting our Advent Wreath

Song This Joy

## Prayer of Confession

**O Great Writer, With a sky full of stars and a world full of flowers, there should be no end to my joy. And yet, instead of decorating my very being with joy, I let it slip away like loose change. Instead of singing like Mary, or dancing like David, I pass by remarkable beauty and love most days, unfazed. Forgive me. Teach me the ways of children, who laugh and dance and sing as if joy is the very thing that keeps them alive. Maybe they have joy figured out. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession, reflection, and meditation.*

## Sharing in Forgiveness

Joy starts by being present, here, in the moment. Joy starts by being open to unexpected wonder. Joy starts with being swept up in God's dream. Joy is there for each of us.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55

Song Canticle of Turning

## Sermon

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

*Please send an email to [church.chebeague@gmail.com](mailto:church.chebeague@gmail.com) to add a prayer request to our list.*

## Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Announcements/Offering

*Financial gifts can be placed in the plate in the entryway or made online at [www.chebeaguechurch.org](http://www.chebeaguechurch.org). We also offer ourselves in service to God's work as we connect with the ministries of the church.*

## ☒ Affirmation of Faith

**Great Creator, We are in awe of you. We will never know how you managed to dream up Mountains and valleys, Freckles, dimples, and curly hair, A cool morning mist, The change of seasons, Or the magic of music. Your greatness is beyond our reckoning. And because we are in awe of you, We believe we must follow Mary's lead And allow our souls to sing. We believe that the appropriate reaction to your goodness is complete gratitude, Which looks like love for our neighbor, Justice for the poor, Food for the hungry, And joy that overflows. And even though we do not always believe in ourselves, We believe that our song is pleasing to you. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Longest Night Cantata with Tuttle Road Community Church - Area churches will gather on December 19th at 5:30 PM to acknowledge that sometimes this season can bring challenges and struggles. Join us to bear witness and to find hope together. Service will be over in time for folks to make the 7:30 boat back to Chebeague.

Christmas Eve - 4 PM and 7 PM This year, due to physical distancing protocols, we will be offering two opportunities for Christmas Eve worship. Our earlier service will be geared for a more participatory and interactive time, with either a pageant (or carols and smores outdoors). Our 7 PM service will be our traditional carols and candlelight service. We will be requiring masks and anticipate being able to sing quietly while masked with strict distancing protocols in place. Reservations will be required so that we can maintain appropriate distancing - stay tuned for details on how we'll be connecting with folks to reserve spots. We will be offering a remote option for our 7 PM service. Please contact Pastor Melissa with any questions!

Reserve your spot for Christmas Eve at http://www.chebeaguechurch.org/christmas-eve-2021.html! Remote access available at Zoom (Meeting ID: 834 4114 5219, Passcode:20152020). If the link doesn't work for you, please contact the church office via phone or email to reserve your spot along with how many people from your household will be attending.

Looking to share gifts during the holiday season? Milestone Recovery in Portland has an Amazon wish list and accepts monetary donations as well. https://milestone-recovery.org/

Christmas Carols Community Sing- Littlefield Woods, Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, If you would like to join us and get the music ahead of time or have a favorite song please respond to erikagneumann@gmail.com

We Need You! CCC is gearing up for our Annual Meeting, currently scheduled for Sunday, January 30th at 10 AM. We are in need of folks to serve the church through various committees! We have openings on the Church Council, Human Resources, Buildings and Grounds, Finance, and more. We are looking for people who have a heart for the mission of the church in this community. Please contact Pastor Melissa at ml.yosuadavis@gmail.com if you feel moved to offer your time and talents to the church in this way!

PRAYER LIST

For the families of Jane Harrington, Peg Lyons, and Bill Cushing. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Dick Bowen, Anne Brown, Bob Dyer, Ed Gilchrist, Lisa Googins, Kyle Grannell, Chuck Hilly, Hobey Hinchman, Billy Hutchinson, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Mary Lou & Frank Koughan, Scott Libby, Lisa, Beryl O'Neil, Bea Pettit, Herb & Florence Rich, Helen Scott, Alison Shepherd, Juan Toj, Linda White, Craig Winslet, Rev. Alijandro and the people of Guatemala; those who live with addiction or mental illness; veterans and those serving in the military; children who are hungry or abused; victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; refugees and those who are homeless; housing on Chebeague; our island school and families, the leaders of our country, children and families at the border, those who experience hate because of their racial identity or sexual orientation, including Black, Asian, Hispanic, Middle-Eastern, Native American and LGBTQ+ folx, all impacted by COVID-19, those who are disabled, those who are ill, our new church, our environment, those who experience injustice in our world, and that all may know hope and love.

Join us for other church activities, both in-person and virtually!

Sundays 10 am Worship
Thursdays 10 am Office Hours, 11 am Ladies Aid, 1 pm Bible Study with Gloria Brown

Food Pantry Contact chebundance@gmail.com to make an appointment or for information.

For all our events, including Zoom links, visit www.chebeaguechurch.org.

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