

Asbury Home Church Worship Service



Opening Hymn UMH #160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Your song is joy, Singer of Creation, for you are Joy—
joy that fills the empty with good things;
joy that sings light into the darkness;
joy that echoes with angelic song;
joy that births hope in the midst of despair.
Open my lips to sing your praise
and receive your melody in my life.

I am ready for your coming,
the coming of Joy. Amen.

By Mary J. Scifres

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

^{61:1}The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

^{61:2}to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

^{61:3}to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

^{61:4}They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

^{61:8}For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

^{61:9}Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

^{61:10}I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

^{61:11}For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Sermon **“Decorate Your Christmas Tree with Joy and Hope!”**

Rev. Yohan Go

Discussion questions

1. How is it with your soul?

Prayer for family and friends: Share your prayer concerns with your family and pray for people who need your prayer.

Closing Hymn UMH #404 Every Time I Feel the Spirit (Video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_v44xsqlek

The 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,
FOR EVER AND EVER
AMEN**

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