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Order of Worship 11 December 2022 The Third Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Worship in Song
Prayer
The Kids' Table Special Music

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Re-Gifted Sermon: "Regifting Joy"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending













Re-Gifted "Regifting Joy" Pastor Kris Beckert

What do you think of when you hear the word "joy?"

Mary's Story of Finding Joy:
I. The Crisis: Mary says
Luke 1:26-27 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
II. The Next Day: Mary goes
Luke 1:39-40. At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.
Elizabeth lived
Mary didn't know Elizabeth was
III. The Greeting: Elizabeth shares
Luke 1:41-45 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud

voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among

women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my
Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound
of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in
my womb leaped for (what?) joy. 45 Blessed is she
who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his
promises to her!"

IV. The Turning Point: Mary receives _____

Luke 1:46-50 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; ⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation..."

- Hebrew word simcha –
- simcha is never individualistic but always something _____
- We can survive failures and defeats if we never lose the capacity for _____

Soren Kierkegaard: "It takes moral courage to grieve; it takes spiritual courage to rejoice."

Mother Teresa: "Joy is prayer; joy is strength: joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."

Big Idea:	

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. In what ways have you chased joy and happiness in your life? Have you ever discovered joy in a surprising place?
- 2. Who do you go to when you have something to celebrate? Do you tend to isolate yourself when things are uncertain, uncomfortable, or life is hard? Why or why not?
- 3. Simcha joy is never about an individual experience; it is always about something we share. Do you agree or disagree? Why does it make a difference?
- 4. In what ways does joy connect us to God and to one another? How is joy different than happiness?
- 5. Who has God placed in your life as an Elizabeth? Who is your Mary?
- 6. What is one way you could re-gift joy this week? (name something you see in someone, be a listening ear, invite someone, send a card, bake a cake, host a dinner, throw a party, join a game, play music together, etc?)

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