

3rd Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 16, 2018

## The Matthew 25 Church

“as you do it to the least of these,  
you did it to me”

Ocean Shores United Methodist Church

*“On the Beautiful Washington Coast”*

The Rev. Ronald R. P. Myers

Pastor

December 16, 2018  
10:30 AM WORSHIP

Please sign the black attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor. A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping at Ocean Shores United Methodist for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

GREETINGS

CONCERNS AND JOYS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” stanza 6, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 211

**All [sung]: “O Come thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight”**

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed...Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest of with joyful shouts” (Psalm 126: 3, 5 CEB)

God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people

God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

**We, God's people, sing songs of joy and the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God" (Isaiah 61:10 NRSV)**

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home.

*Light a candle.*

HYMN "Like A Child" (Verse 1-2) 2092

THE CALL TO WORSHIP\*

HYMN OF PRAISE\*

"Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" 213

INVOCATION

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

THE MESSAGE "A Matthew 25 Church"

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HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" 221

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*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 forever. Amen.**

HYMN\* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 240  
OFFERING

DOXOLOGY\*

BENEDICTION\*

SHALOM TO YOU\*

(Please form a circle and hold hands)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

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