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Bell Choir

♪ \*HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

### FOCUSING ON LOVING JOY

### OPENING PRAYER

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You are the one that helps us reach out in love,  
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Help us when our fear gets in the way of joining the chorus of joy.  
Let us repeat the sounding joy in our hearts this day.  
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Let us repeat the sounding joy in the world this day...  
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### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

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**WE RESPOND**-----

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*Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.  
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OFFERTORY *Angels Sing Gloria* arr. Eithun  
Bell Choir—Mick George, percussion

 \*DOXOLOGY UMH 246 v. 1

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TIME OF PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

You are invited to come forward at the time of prayer to line the cradle with cloth and offer up prayers for those places where love is most needed – both in our own lives and in the world. Our prayers become tangible bands of cloth intended to cradle the coming Child of Light.

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**WE GO FORTH**-----

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Kerr

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Service Music Text

**Celebration of Light**

*Rise and shine, your Light has come! See a star is glowing!*  
*In the longing of the heart, faith and truth are growing!*  
*In the darkness, there's a candle teaching shadows how to dance.*  
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Let us live in the Light of peace. Alleluia! Jesus is coming soon!  
Celebrate the coming joy! Rejoice with expectation.  
Lift up your heads. Lift up your voice. Lift up your song.  
Rejoice! The dawn is breaking with the Light of all creation!  
Rise and shine, your Light has come! See the dawn is breaking.  
Rise and shine, your Light has come! Every dream awaken!  
Heavy hearts begin to soar with songs of glad thanksgiving;  
Reaching for the Morning Star and a new beginning.  
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### Family Conversations

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<b>Monday, December 9</b>	10:30am 1:00pm 3:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Star Group - 204 Godmothers - 204 After School Faith Club - P Boy Scouts - FH; UMW Leaders - P; YAM - 207 UMM Study Group - 204
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b>	9:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Quilting Group - P Tuesdays @ 4 - 204 YMST - 207 Children's Choirs - 206 Finance - 204
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	11:00am 5:30pm 7:30pm	Joy Group - 214 Centering Prayer - 204 Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, Dec. 12</b>	9:30am 11:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Naomi Circle - P Stewardship - P Bell Choir - S Advent Bible Study - 204
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<b>Monday, December 9</b>	10:30am 1:00pm 3:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Star Group - 204 Godmothers - 204 After School Faith Club - P Boy Scouts - FH; UMW Leaders - P; YAM - 207 UMM Study Group - 204
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