

December 16, 2018      Third Sunday in Advent

**Thought for the Week**

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift—  
indescribable, inestimable, incomparable inexpressible—  
precious beyond words.  
—Lois Lebar (1907-1998)

**Gathering To Be Part of Christ's Resurrection**

**Praise and Thanksgiving**      "People Look East" (vs. 1,4)      #202

**Welcome, Announcements, Registration, Sharing Joys and Concerns**

*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the prayer cards  
in the pew rack and give it to the pastor or an usher.)*

**Centering Music and Lighting the Candles**

**\*Call to Worship**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

**Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**Our praises rise to God for the mighty things He has done.**

Let your praises multiply in tribute to God!

**Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Lord, we come to this place from a world full of demands and schedules. We seek hope and peace, and in you we find them here. Now we ask for the inner joy that only you can bring to us. Open our hearts, minds, and spirits to your love. For this we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**\*Singing**      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 3-5)      #211

**Confessing Who We Are**

Lord God, it is so difficult for us to stay focused on holy things. Our lives get caught up in planning, parties, gifts, and other things. We get side-

tracked too easily and grow exhausted. We feel overwhelmed by the needs of others. Heal our hearts and spirits. Remind us that you don't ask us to heal everything but just to lighten someone else's burden. You bring us hope and peace. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good, and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.  
(silent prayer)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

God sent the messenger to you, proclaiming that there is One coming who will heal and lead you. Know that this is a great gift from God, who always has and always will love you.

**Anthem**      "Daughter of Zion"      Handel

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**Preparing to Pray**      "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"      #2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Opening Ourselves to Listen, Witness and Serve**

**Old Testament Lesson**      Isaiah 12:2-6

**Epistle Lesson**      Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel Lesson**      Luke 3:7-18

**Message**      "Hold On"

**\*Singing**      "Tell Out, My Soul"      #200

**Offering our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Offertory Response**      "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"      #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Prayer of Dedication

As we bring these offerings before you, may we listen to the only voice that can truly save, reaching into the despair of our world to offer words of hope. We look again for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*Singing "O Come and Dwell in Me" #388

### Sending Forth

\*Singing "God Be With You" #672

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

### Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

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## WELCOME TO

# HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Thanks to This Morning's Leadership

- Greeters: Nick Dillmann and Nancy McIntyre
- Acolyte: Josh Vigneau
- Liturgist: Carl Johnson
- Fellowship Hour: David and Nancy Thyng
- Fellowship Coordinators: Pat Thayer and Ruth Crocker
- Flower Coordinator: Linda Carberry (508-896-7100)

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