



Could the World Be About to Turn?

Third Sunday of Advent: From Disappointment to Joy

Psalm 126:5-6

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Worship Participants

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 126 p.967

*Song: "Psalm 126"

**1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!**

**Chorus: Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
the seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!**

**2. The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!**

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*Song: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" LUYH 69:1,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Savior of the Nations Come" LUYH 74:1,2,5,7

We Are Renewed in Hope

The Lighting of the Advent Candles: Isaiah 61:1-3 p.1157

Song: "My Soul in Stillness Waits" LUYH 63:1,2,4

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 1:1-6, 19-28 p.1645

Sermon: "A Burning and Shining Lamp" Pastor Joel Kok

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Response: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" LUYH 78:1,3,5

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A

Prayers for the Church and World

We Gather as a Family at God's Table

Introduction

Prayer of Consecration

The Communion: "What Child Is This" LUYH 95

*We invite you to come to one of the communion stations when you feel ready
and ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats.
We will eat and drink together after all are served.*

The Thanksgiving

Jesus, you truly are Immanuel, "God with us."

In this season of hope, may the meal we've shared together
nourish us to be your body in the world,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
With the angels in heaven we join in singing your praises:

**Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Song: "Joy to the World" LUYH 92:1,2,4