

Call to Worship – Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle A 2016
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Today is the third Sunday of Advent – and we continue the practice of quiet waiting in the midst of the busyness of life. Today we hold joy in the knowledge of God's deep love for us. Let us begin this Advent liturgy with our time of quiet reflection...

~MUSIC ~

With soft music in the background become aware of the way the music relaxes your mind....your spirit...your body....closing your eyes if you are comfortable.... becoming attentive to your surroundings ...turning your attention inward.....Becoming more aware of being in God's presence...in this sacred space....with this community of faith....coming to a new awareness of the joy that God has for you...with you... inviting you to become a joy-filled people who know the height and depth of God's love and forgiveness for you...for us...

...It is as if God is saying to you personally... Fear not. Have no anxiety or worry...I rejoice in you...I renew you in love... be assured that I am with you.....Rest for a moment in the quiet of your heart, with the assurance of God's word to you...

May this Advent be a time of our becoming – individually and as a community of faith – the joyful presence of Emmanuel – God-with-us.