

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve

We will be gathering to worship at 3 PM on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. There will be no worship gathering that morning.

Praying Together

Each Sunday, we meet to pray at 8:45 am in the lower level of the Cabin. All are welcome to join together for this time of prayer.

Sunday Volunteers Needed

We are in need of individuals who would be interested in helping to run the Sunday Facebook Livestream or PowerPoint. Contact info@newdaycov.org to learn more.

NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

"But let all who take refuge in
You rejoice; let them ever sing
for joy, and spread Your
protection over them, that
those who love Your name
may exult in you."
Psalm 5:11

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH



December 17, 2023
Kari Jacott
Advent: Reclaiming Joy

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

61 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.
4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.

8 "For I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
In my faithfulness I will reward my people
and make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples.
All who see them will acknowledge
that they are a people the Lord has blessed."
10 I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

NOTES

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What is the difference between joy and happiness?

Can you recall a time in your life when you noticed true joy? When was this, and what was happening? If you can, recall how you felt God's presence as you noticed the feelings of joy?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: " Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

When is it easy to rejoice?

When is it easy to pray?

And, in what circumstances has it been difficult for you to give thanks?

How will you allow the Joy of the LORD to be your strength?

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