

## Welcome to First & Faith United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent - "Christ Our Joy"

**Isaiah 35:10 (CEB)** <sup>10</sup>The LORD's ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads. Happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and groaning will flee away.

**Psalms 126:1-3 (CEB)** <sup>1</sup>When the LORD changed Zion's circumstances for the better, it was like we had been dreaming. <sup>2</sup>Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter; our tongues were filled with joyful shouts. It was even said, at that time, among the nations "The LORD has done great things for them!" <sup>3</sup>Yes, the Lord has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed.

**1 Thessalonians 5:15-22 (CEB)** <sup>15</sup>Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always. <sup>17</sup>Pray continually. <sup>18</sup>Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

### Life Application:

- 1) Ask God, "Lord, what is separating me from joy?"
- 2) Do you have a joy list?
- 3) Take a look at your blessings and make a joy list.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, thank you for your constant goodness. Be with us wherever we are today and grant us joy and a thankful heart so that our lives honor you. Expand our joy and help us to share it with our families, friends and neighbors this week. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.