



## Share how you celebrate JOY

Sing to the Lord, for God has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

Isaiah 12:5-6

Learn more about 3 Great Loves, a United Church of Christ mission initiative, at [3greatloves.org](http://3greatloves.org)

Here are ways you can embody the JOY during the third week of the Season of Advent:



**Monday: CELEBRATE** – This time of year is a great time to remember there is good in the world, especially when seen through the eyes of a child. Have your children or the children of the church make a list of things to celebrate and share with those around you. [#loveofchildren](#)

**Tuesday: ANTICIPATE** – Food banks and direct service centers receive an abundance of donations during this season. However, need extends well beyond this season to all year round. Plan ways to care for the needs of others in your community in January, February, and even next summer. [#loveofneighbor](#)

**Wednesday: RENEW** – Renew your community to care for creation. What actions can you take in the New Year to continue to care for the Earth and all of God's creation? Start with something simple and enlist others in your church to join you. [#loveofcreation](#)

**Thursday: ATTEND** – Encourage children to care for others during the holiday season, and all year round. Ask them to think of ways they can share God's love with others, especially other children. Have them make a list and then create a plan to do those things in the weeks and year ahead. [#loveofchildren](#)

**Friday: CENTER** – December 21<sup>st</sup> marks the longest night of the year. Pause from the busyness of the season and enjoy a moment outside tonight or sitting in the still darkness and focus on the coming of God's light. [#loveofcreation](#)

**Saturday: SHARE** – Give an alternative gift and change a life by sponsoring a child through UCC Global Ministries, or by giving an animal through an organization like Heifer International. These alternative gifts help share God's love with lasting impact. [#loveofneighbor](#)

~The Rev. Dave Sigmund, 3 Great Loves Ambassador, United Church of Christ

What image depicts the promise of joy, awaiting fulfillment in your life? Share it on Instagram with [#3greatloves](#)