



September 20, 2020 \* 11AM Worship

**PRELUDE**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Beethoven/Hayes

Judi Wilkinson, piano

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 126)

We gather to worship with expectations:

God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

**God comes to us in real time. God comes to us in dreams.**

Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—difficult to believe.

**O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!**

God is present here. God is working in our midst.

**Then our mouths are filled with laughter,**

**Our tongues shout out with joy!**

### **OPENING PRAYER** (based on Psalm 126)

Holy God, the world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful.

We need Jesus as much today as in times of old.

Many sow in tears, and go out weeping.

Replenish our lands, fill our hearts with gladness,

restore our faith in you and each other, wipe away the tears of despair.

As we worship today, we tilt an ear to listen close.

Let the voice of your angel fill our minds with new understandings.

We are waiting for you. Speak to us today. Amen.

*For those of you joining us in-person, you are invited to follow along, but we ask that you don't sing aloud.*

**OPENING HYMN**

Joy to the World

UMH#246

## Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
 Let earth receive her King  
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
 And heav'n and nature sing  
 And heav'n and nature sing  
 And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

## Verse 2

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
 Let men their songs employ  
 While fields and floods  
 Rocks hills and plains  
 Repeat the sounding joy  
 Repeat the sounding joy  
 Repeat repeat the sounding joy

## Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
 Nor thorns infest the ground  
 He comes to make His blessings flow  
 Far as the curse is found  
 Far as the curse is found  
 Far as far as the curse is found

## Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace  
 And makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness  
 And wonders of His love  
 And wonders of His love  
 And wonders wonders of His love

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts

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**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
 is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SONG**

Alive and Breathing

Praise Band

## Verse 1

What holds your heart  
 What stirs your soul  
 What matters come to mind  
 The cares you keep  
 The thoughts you think  
 It's not all wasted time  
 Seek and you will find

Elle Limebear | Matt Maher

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**Chorus**

Joy still comes in the morning  
 Hope still walks with the hurting  
 If you're still alive and breathing  
 Praise the Lord  
 Don't stop dancing and dreaming  
 There's still good news worth repeating  
 So lift your head and keep singing  
 Praise the Lord

**Verse 2**

The years roll by  
 We wonder why  
 We lost our way from home  
 Our Father finds  
 The child inside  
 We left for growing old  
 Awake awake awake my soul

**Bridge**

Let everything let everything  
 Let everything praise the Lord

**Bridge 2**

In the working in the waiting  
 Let it praise the Lord  
 In the blessing in the breaking  
 Come on praise the Lord  
 In the dying the rising  
 Let it praise the Lord  
 Let it praise the Lord  
 Praise the Lord

**PASTORAL PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SONG**

Here In Your Presence

Praise Band

**Verse**

Found in Your hands fullness of joy  
 Every fear suddenly wiped away  
 Here in Your Presence  
 All of my gains now fade away  
 Every crown no longer on display  
 Here in Your Presence

**Chorus**

Here in Your Presence, We are undone  
 Here in Your Presence,  
 Heaven and earth become one  
 Here in Your Presence, All things are new  
 Here in Your Presence  
 Ev'rything bows before You

**Pre-Chorus**

Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders  
 The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed

**Bridge**

Wonderful beautiful glorious,  
 Matchless in ev'ry way

Jon Egan

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT****CHORAL ANTHEM**

Sweet River  
 R. Unterseher

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 126:2-3

*The Word of God for the people of God!*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

Rejoice: Joy in Our Past

Rev. Kim Kinsey

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## CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH# 117

### Verse 1

O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home

### Verse 3

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting Thou art God  
To endless years the same

### Verse 4

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun

Isaac Watts | William Croft

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Aina Olonade

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