



October 13, 2024 – Livestream
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

arr. H. Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Earth and heaven delight in your presence, O Lord.

People: We adore you, God of glory, Lord of love!

Leader: Stars and angels surround you with unbroken praise.

People: We adore you, God of glory, Lord of love!

Leader: God of glory, Lord of love:

unite us with your mighty chorus,
and lift us to your joy divine.

*OPENING HYMN #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!***

***All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.***

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

***Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Author of Life,
we see your goodness in all creation,
and we see your glory in Jesus your Anointed One.
With your Spirit,
lead us into the celebration of your grace
and fill us with the delights of your love. Amen.**

CHORISTERS' ANTHEM

My Heart Rejoices in the Lord!

J. Horman
Eric Applegate, piano;
Rosie Jordan, director

*My heart rejoices in the Lord! I find my strength in thee.
My heart is filled with joy!
Alleluia! Alleluia! I sing to the Lord above.
Alleluia! Alleluia, for God is a God of love.*

Enemies I fear no more. Salvation comes to me.
Holy is the Lord, my God, the first, the last to be. *(Refrain)*
Pride will not deceive me now. My mouth shall speak no ill.
For God alone is the God of Truth; abide I must, I will. *(Refrain)*

*CANTICLE OF THE SUN

St. Francis

Leaders: Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no one is worthy to claim your name.
Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom you give us light,
who is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
and bears a likeness to you, Most High One.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which you sustain your creatures.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night,
who is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be you, my Lord,
for those who share your loving forgiveness,
and who endure trials and tribulations for their faith.
Blessed are those who endure in peace
for you, Most High, shall crown them.

People: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Leader: Praised be You, my Lord, through our Cousin Death,
from whom no one escapes.
A warning to those who die without repenting from sin.
Blessed are those who are found doing your most holy will when death comes for them.
Nothing in all eternity shall harm them.

**People: Praise and bless my Lord.
Give God thanks and serve the Lord with great humility. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Shaw

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-7

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God
who will come with retributions and reparations.
God will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of those not seeing shall be opened,
and the ears of those not listening shall be unstopped;

⁶ then the rigid shall leap like a deer,
and those without voice shall sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2064

O Lord, You're Beautiful

***O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;
and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.***

O Lord, you're wonderful, your touch is all I need;

and when you hand is on this child, your healing I receive.

*O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;
and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2224

Make Us One

***Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Rejoice in the Lord Always

J. Redford

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your kindness be known to all the earth: the Lord is even at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Doxology #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

St. Paul's Greatest Hits No. 5: Rejoice Extravagantly

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

***Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. [Refrain]***

***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]***

***At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]***

***Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. [Refrain]***

*THE BLESSING

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: We will rejoice at all times and in all ways.

Leader: Do not worry about anything but always pray and give thanks.

People: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Leader: May the peace of God,
which is greater than all we can comprehend,
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
The God of peace will be with you.

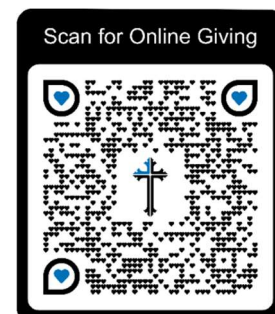
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. D. Janzer

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The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Jacqueline Blackwell and Jack Leonard on October 3, 2020.

Upcoming Events:

Blessing of the Animals, Today, 5:00pm

LGBTQ+ Dinner, October 15, 6:00pm
Garage Food Hall

Youth Fall Retreat, October 18-20

Young Adult Dinner, October 22, 7:00pm
Garage Food Hall

Trunk or Treat, October 27, 4:00pm

Charge Conference, November 3, 5:00pm
Speedway UMC; 5065 West 16th Street

Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy Bible Study
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm

**This week's worship
leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor

Brandon Wallace
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Lydia Shaw
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