



Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together with shouts of joy.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.
People: Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: For the Lord is good
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Shout with joy to God all the earth.
**People: Sing the glory of His name and
make His praise glorious.**

Hymn "This is the Day"

Call to Confession

*This weekend, we heard a lot about joy:
The joy that God offers us,
The joy that we offer God,
And the joy that we experience all around us.*

*Even when life is hard, we have a source of joy in God
that the world cannot take away.
We know that we can go to God with both our fears and our sins.*

*Let us join our voices in our prayer of confession –
first in unison, and then in a moment of silence.*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O Lord, You are our great Creator of our world
and the joy that we find in it.
Forgive us when we do not see the joy.
Lighten our hearts, Oh Lord,
and remind us that you are the source of our joy.
Forgive us for all that needs forgiving,
and help us to find joy all around us.**

Silent Confession

Hymn “Joy to the World,” verse 1

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, we can return to the waters of grace, again and again.

Leader: Proclaim the good news to one another:

People: **In the love of Christ, we are forgiven.**

Hymn “Joy to the World,” verses 2 & 4

Scripture: **Philippians 4:4-9**

Anthem **“I Will Joyfully Sing”**

Scripture: **Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

Sermon: **“Joy is our Oxygen”**

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe Jesus is our Savior, Son of God,
who came to us and will come again.**

**We believe God, our heavenly Father,
created all and loves us unconditionally.**

He wants us to love him.

**The Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
is always with us and fills us with God’s will
and both guides and assists us with what God**

wants to accomplish.
This is the Holy Trinity.

The Word of God given to us
guides and teaches us how to live in the path of Jesus
and in God's image following the Holy Spirit
while anticipating, inspiring, and reminding us
of the life eternal.

As we are all a child of God,
our baptism reminds us that we are claimed early by God
into his arms
and into our church family while we learn to claim God
as part of us.

We are part of the Church eternal and universal,
who believe all these things
and use our family of God's people
to serve has the hands and feet of Christ
to bring heaven closer to earth.

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Trees of the Field"