



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2020
Communion Sunday

PRELUDE: Voluntary in F
John Finney, organ

John Bennett

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Let us open our hearts to the Spirit of God!
Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, God is found there also.
God is found in this virtual space this morning, connecting us in wonderful ways!
Let us settle in, from wherever we are and worship the God of Creation,
the God of People, the God of Community!
Let us worship together in faith!**

HYMN: We Gather Together
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal, front supplement), #H-15

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.
Teach us how to live as children of the light.
You call us to love one another, to put the needs and interests
of those around us above our own;
to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.
We confess the times when we have failed,
allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of others.
Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.
Teach us how to love as we have been loved.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON: "Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

Anne Marie Holloway

ANTHEM: Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Laurie Stewart Otten, soprano; Shannon Lebrón, mezzo-soprano

Christian Figueroa, tenor; Garrett Murphy, baritone

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #7

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Presto (from *Concerto No. 1 in G major*)

J. S. Bach (after Johann Ernst)

Preaching: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Liturgists: Rev. Judy Swahnberg, Matt Wooster

Soloists: Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón, Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy

We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing,
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine,
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine.
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

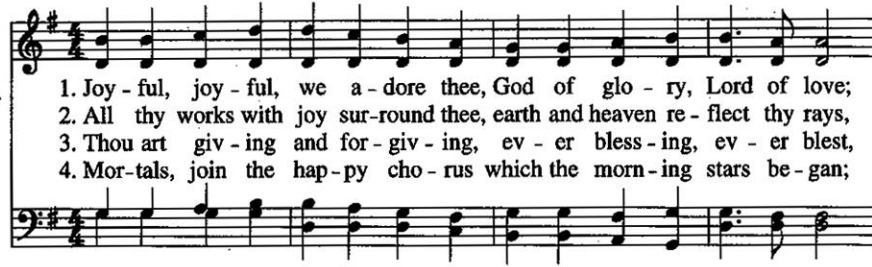
WORDS: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934
 MUSIC: 16th century Dutch melody; arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914

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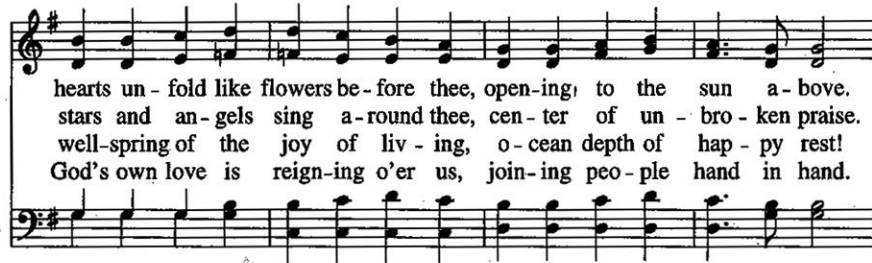
Written by an unknown Dutch patriot to celebrate the Netherlands' freedom from Spanish rule, this text was originally sung to this folk tune, later named for choral director Kremser who rescued it from obscurity.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing, to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY
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Henry van Dyke was ordained a Congregational minister, but his varied life included teaching and writing at Princeton and a critical 1913-1916 ambassadorship to Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

PRAISE TO GOD