



David's United Church of Christ
May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday after Easter
Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – “Blessed Are They” Richard A. Williamson
Tim Williams & Lyn Morton

Introit – “I Was Glad” Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Steve Roark*

One: God holds out to us the promise of new life:

Many: Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning.

One: God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage.

Many: In courage we can begin to accept this gift of new life.

All: Let us worship God together.¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Kristen Gayler*

Mission Moment – Strengthen the Church Offering

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offertory Music – “All Nature Sings” English Melody, arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.
One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “Thine Be the Glory” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 68: 1- 10, 32, 35 (adapted from The Message)

One: Up with God! Down with God's enemies. Adversaries, run for the hills.

Many: Gone like a puff of smoke, like a blob of wax in the fire—one look at God and the wicked dissolve.

One: When the righteous see God in action they laugh, they sing, they laugh and sing for joy.

Many: Sing hymns to God; all heaven, sing out;

One: Clear the way for the coming of the Cloud-Rider.

Many: Enjoy God, cheer when you experience God's presence.

One: Parent of orphans, champion of widows, is God in God's holy house.

Many: God makes homes for the homeless, leads prisoners to freedom.

One: God, when you took the lead with your people, when you marched out into the wild.

Many: Earth shook, sky broke out in a sweat; God was on the march.

One: Even Sinai trembled at the sight of God on the move,

Many: At the sight of Israel's God.

One: You pour out rain in buckets, O God, thorn and cactus become an oasis

Many: For your people to camp in and enjoy. You set them up; they went from rags to riches.

One: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

Many: A terrible beauty, O God, streams from your sanctuary.

One: It's Israel's strong God! God gives power and might to God's people!

Many: O you, God's people—bless God!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and in our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways that do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the Risen One. Amen.¹**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers & Our Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem – "Fly Away Medley" arr. Mark Hayes
accompanied by *Jim Brooks*, drums

Scriptures – First – Acts of the Apostles: 1: 6 -11
Gospel – John 17: 1-11

Sermon – "That We May Be One" *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Benediction Response – “Go Forth in Joy” Hal Hopson

Postlude – “Immortal, Invisible” Traditional Welsh melody, arr. Faye Lopez

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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 might-y 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!
 love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with - in its span.

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,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our bro-th-er, 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.

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quer ing Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - ri ous Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death-less love;

kept the fold - ed grave-clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quer ing Son;
 end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3. O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for-ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

WORDS: John E. Bode, ca. 1866 (Lk. 9:57)
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

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