



August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

2¢ a Meal Offering

Guest Pastor: Rev. Margaret Crowl

Liturgist: Hazel Lathrop

Psalmist: Karen Beaton

Greeters: Leah & Pat Gerlach

Ushers: Cip & Maria Chavez, Michael Hughes, Crystal Mitchell

Early Morning Security: Dave Sternberg

August Sanctuary Stewards: Birgitta Gustafson & Karen Williams

September Sanctuary Stewards: Sharon Hovey & Hazel Lathrop

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Variations on “Morning Song”* - by Franklin Ritter

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Prelude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - by Jack Schrader

Call to Worship (from Psalm 105) Hazel Lathrop

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name; Make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him. Tell all His wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in His Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works He has done; his miracles and the judgments he has uttered.

***Hymn #611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Call to Confession Hazel Lathrop

Prayer of Confession (unison): Hazel Lathrop

All: Merciful and loving God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves. We have been distracted by our own concerns and have failed to notice the needs of those around us. Forgive us for the words we have spoken, the good we have left undone, and the ways we have turned away from your call. Open our hearts to your grace and renew within us a spirit of compassion, humility and faithfulness. Help us to walk more closely in the way of Jesus, seeking justice, offering mercy, and extending love to all whom we encounter. In your mercy, O God, hear us and forgive us. Hear now, our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Response ***Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us***

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Hazel Lathrop

Hymn #581 *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

Prayer for Illumination

Hazel Lathrop

Reading from the New Testament: Matthew 16: 21-28

(This can be found on p. 894 of your pew Bible.) Hazel Lathrop

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 26: 1-8

Karen Beaton

(This can be found on p. 492 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word Through Music

One Step He Leads

Summer Choir

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 12: 9-21 Rev. Margaret Crowl

(This can be found on p. 1034 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Care and Feeding of Pastors

Rev. Margaret Crowl

***Hymn #838**

Standing On the Promises

Call to Prayer

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Hazel Lathrop

Offertory

Londonderry Air

-arr. by Clarence Kohlmann

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hazel Lathrop

***Sending Song 240:** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *My Peace*

My peace I give unto you.

It's a peace that the world cannot give.

It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

Postlude

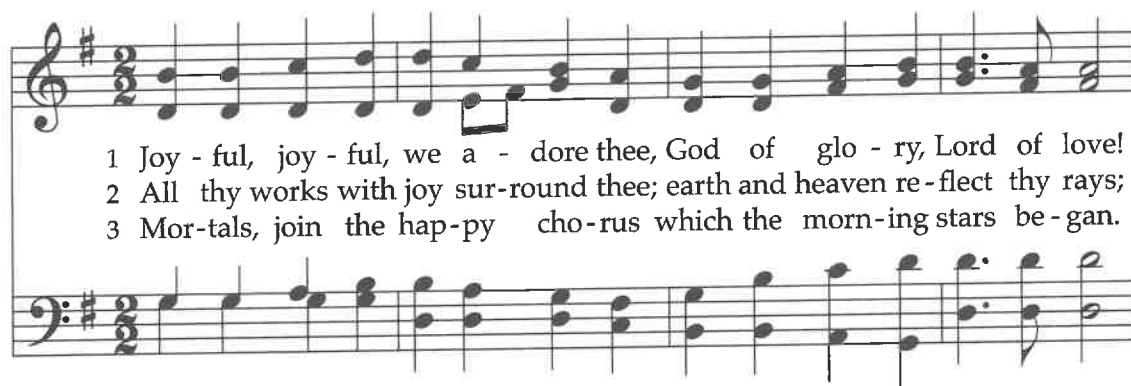
Trumpet Voluntary

- by Thomas Sanders Dupuis

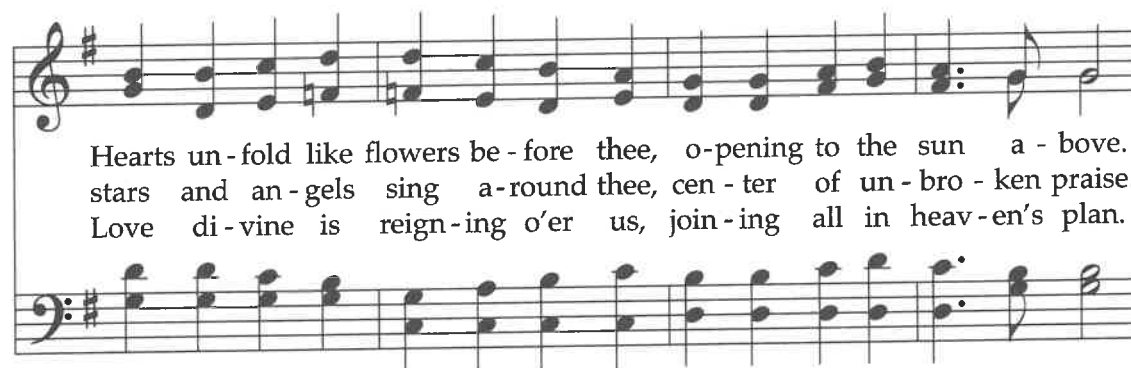
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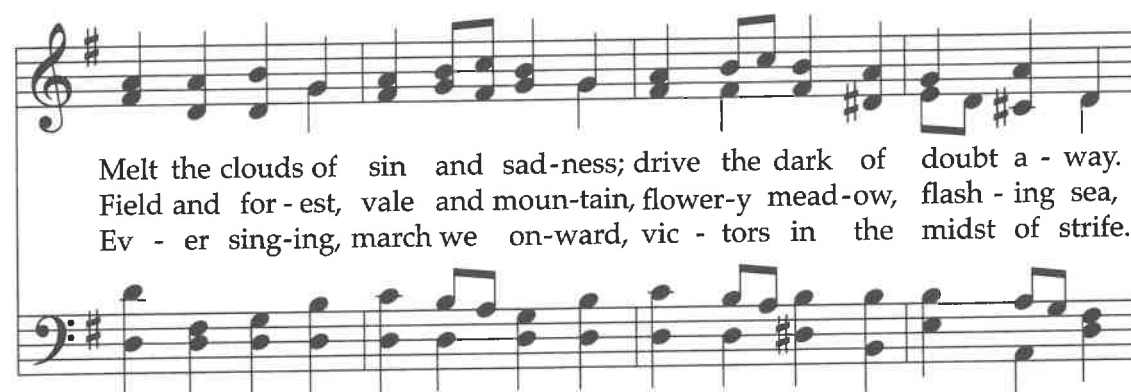
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



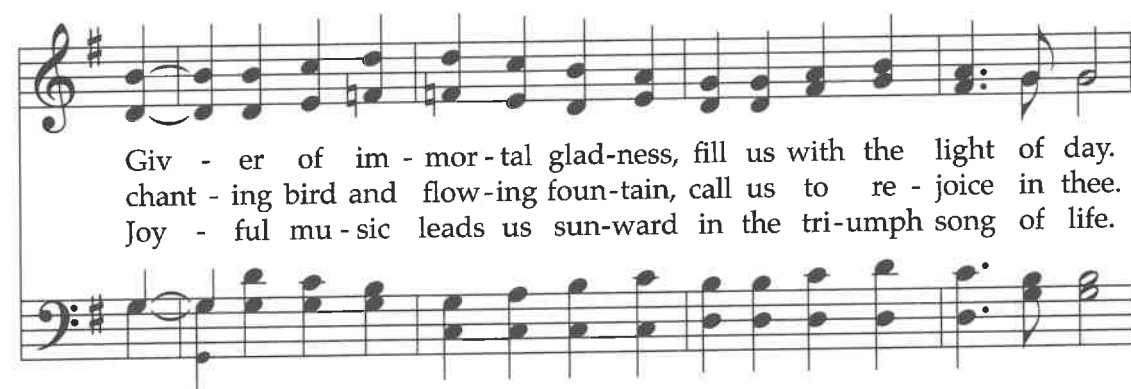
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 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.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le -

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.