

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

June 14, 2020

Prelude (beginning at 10:45 a.m.) *Lift High the Cross*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* # 71

Call to Worship

You beckon us, O God, to lift our eyes from the suffering and brokenness of our times so that we might grasp a sense of how things function in your time.

We know what it means to suffer, even as we do not fully understand the suffering of others.

Reconciling God, you do not ignore the brokenness of the world and the frailty of your people. Still you call us to hope for those things which are to come, things not yet revealed.

Teach us to name that our groaning means that new life is soon to be revealed; our full adoption as sons and daughters of God is nearly upon us.

Help us to pray and teach us to love while we wait for glory to be revealed.

Song *How Can I Keep from Singing* Lowry
(Mel Purcell, soloist)

Call to Giving

Like the gifts of creation, we are but stewards of all we possess. And like the gifts of creation, they are not to be hoarded, but shared with the hungry, the lonely, the lost, the struggling.

Who are those persons near us, and how are our lives better because of knowing them?

As we offer our gifts, receive our thanks and praise in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Response *All creatures of our God and King (vs. 7)* # 48
*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three-in-One,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Romans 8:18-23

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Message

The Groaning of Creation

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

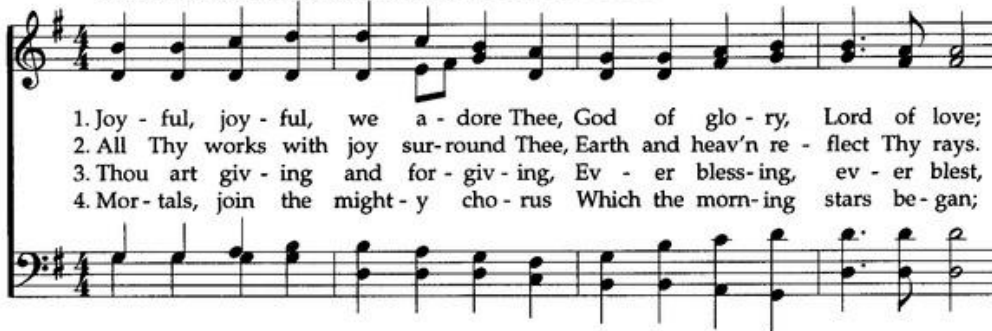
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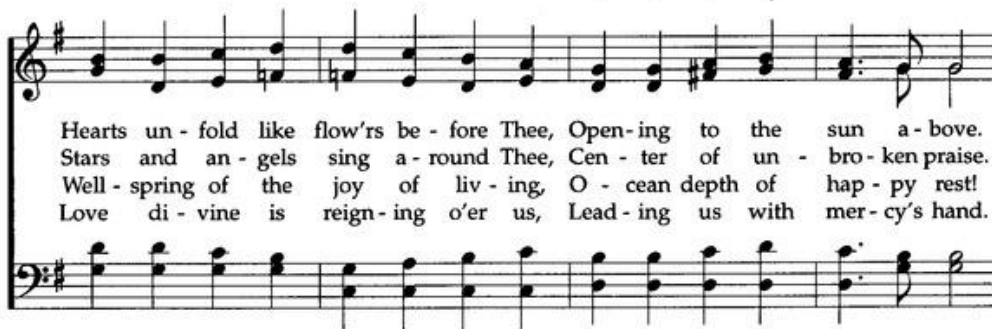
Benediction

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

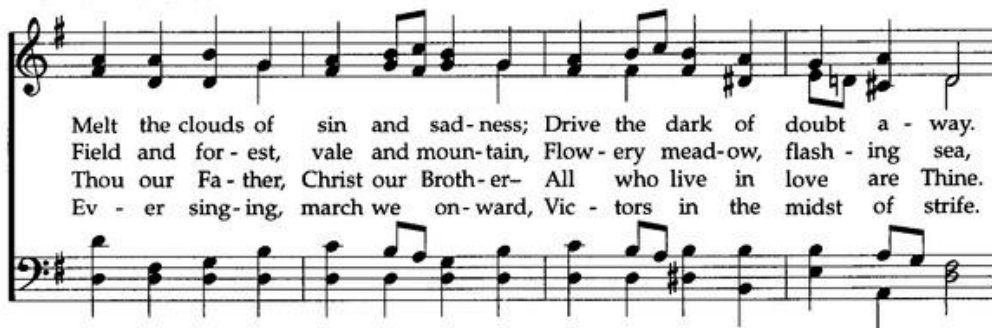
My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to You. Psalm 71:23



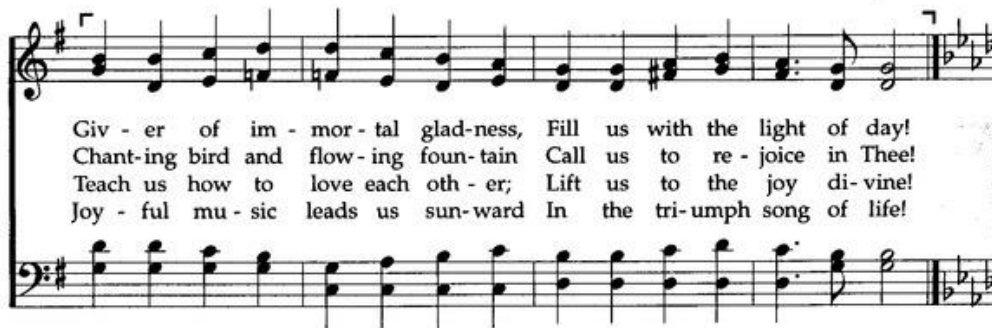
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays.
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs 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, Lead - ing us with mer - cy's 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,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - 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 - joi - ce 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!

TEXT: Henry van Dyke

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from *Ninth Symphony*;

adapted by Edward Hodges; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Dan Burgess

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HYMN TO JOY

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