



REDEEMER

—CHURCH, PCA—

Order of Worship

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Theme: We Worship the God of Joy

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 4:6-8

There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”⁷ You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Adoration

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iI3Wv25L-4o>

[Verse 1]

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace!

[Verse 2]

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honours of your name

[Verse 3]

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'tis music in the sinner's ears
'tis life and health and peace

[Verse 4]

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me

[Verse 1]

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Adapted from Prone to Wander

Lord God Almighty,

You graciously and generously fill our lives with many wonderful things that bring us joy. You bless us with friends, family, and wealth that most people in this world can't even imagine. We confess today that we are prone to love Your good gifts far more than we love You. We confess that we often seek for joy in things or people other than in You. Father, forgive us, we pray.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Prayer for Our Needs

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:16-17 & 4:13-17

¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. Ruth 1:16-17

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who

has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. Ruth 4:13-17

Prayer for Understanding

Sermon

Steven Hansen

“Bearing Spiritual Fruit Part 3: Surprised by Joy”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving

“ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxEUIJuDQfA>

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sun-ward
In the triumph song of life.

Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Introduction:

“All Joy reminds. It is never a possession, always a desire for something longer ago or further away or still ‘about to be’.” C. S. Lewis

I. Biblical joy is having a family:

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ... ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,^[d] but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
Ephesians 2:11-22

II. Biblical joy is having a feast:

- a. *First, the joyful celebration of feasting must be morally clean.*
- b. *Second, the joyful celebration of feasting must be inclusive.*

¹⁴ You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns.” Deuteronomy 16:14

III. Biblical joy is having a future:

“ ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, ...” Phil. 3:20-21

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place^[a] of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,^[b] and God himself will be with them as their God.^[c] ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”
Revelation 21:3-4

Conclusion: