



September 24th, 2023

*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Sanctuary*

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and steadfast in God's love for us.

People: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare God's praise?

Liturgist: Happy are those who do justice, walk in righteousness and act kindly.

People: Save us, O Lord our God, gather us among your people that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Liturgist: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say, "Amen."

People: Amen! Praise the Lord!

Based on Psalm 106

***Opening Hymn:** *Baptized In Water*

***A Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

We and our ancestors have sinned. Back then, our ancestors exchanged God's glory for the golden calf, forgetting that God was their means for salvation and freedom. While our ways may be different, the same is true within us. Let us confess our own brokenness...

***Unison Prayer of Confession** (prayed aloud by all)

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who continues to bring us out of wastelands to lands of promise. Yet, our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference. We dismiss your forgiveness, because of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause or delay in your answer to our prayers. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making – the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost – the god of illusion, pursued in any form.

Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession (please be seated)

The Sung Response to Confession: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God.

All: We are forgiven and freed! Resurrected to live again! Hallelujah! Amen!

***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

All: And, also with you.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem *Blessed Trinity*

Small Talk

The Baptism of Hunter Holden Hughes

Prayer for Illumination

Make Your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in Your truth and teach us. For You alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we can trust to see us through. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:4-14

The Message *Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Pray*

Rev. Jessica McClure Archer

Hymn of Affirmation: *Trading My Sorrows*

*I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.*

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

*I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,
Struck down, but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning!*

*I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.*

*Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.*

Sharing Our Life Together

The Offertory

Invitation to Offering

Doxology – Thanksgiving in Song

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***The Sending Hymn:** *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart, verses 1,2,3,5*

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Offerings are received through a variety of ways – in the plate during the offering, online, by mail or via the office. May our offerings be reflection of God's abundance in our lives, for the glory of God and for the work of God's kingdom in the world. Thank you for being so generous and sustaining our ministry. To give online visit - <https://www.sampsonsmills.org/offering>

**Liturgical Resources adapted from Feasting on the Word Year A*

Lord, Prepare Me

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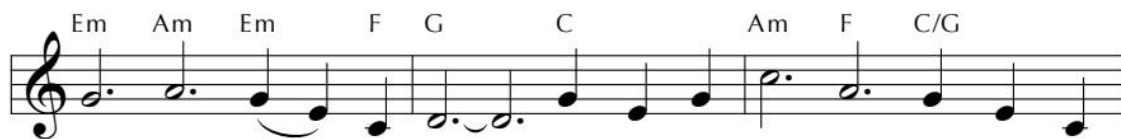
Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

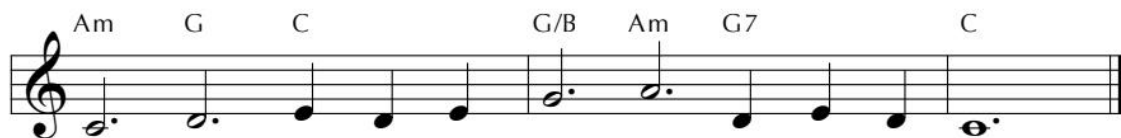
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

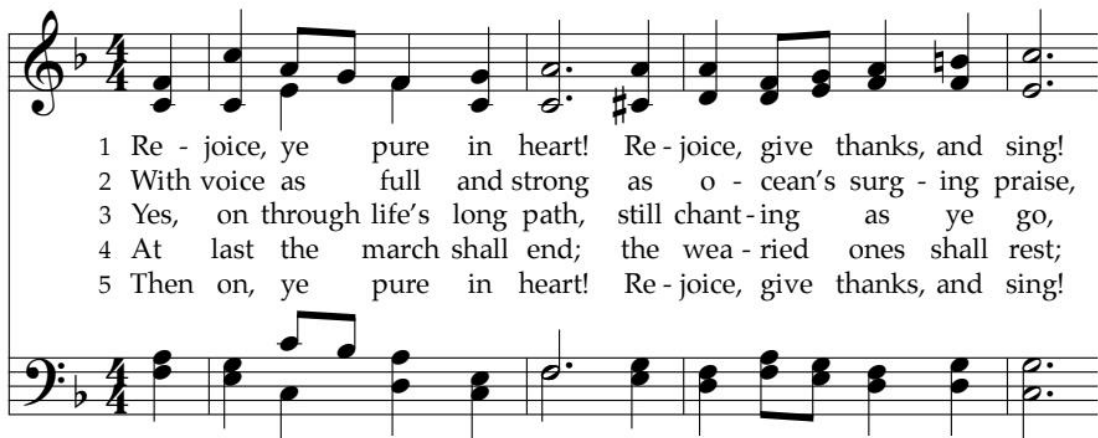


blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

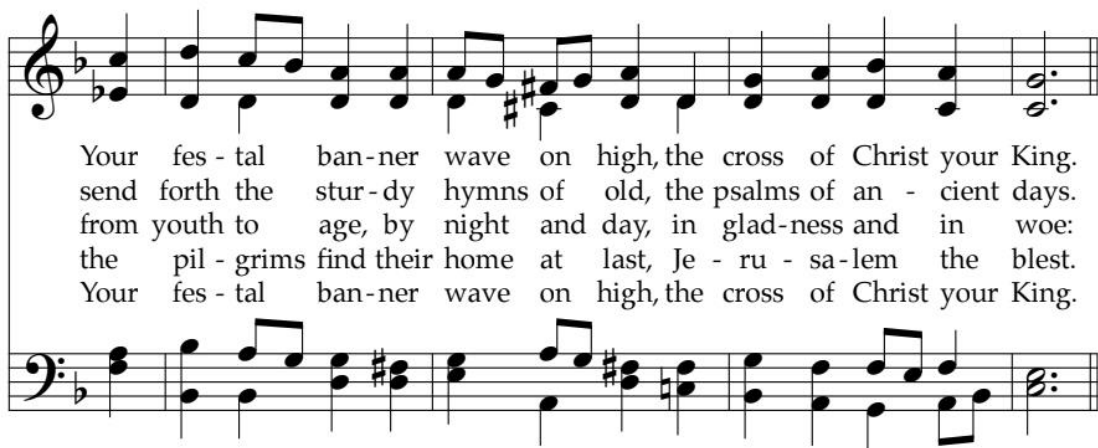


prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain


Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!