



**July 13, 2025**

*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 and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**\*The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We come today to encounter the living God.

**People: We come to offer our praise and to listen to God's word.**

Liturgist: We come to greet one another in this community that accepts and values us.

**People: We come to ask for God's help for us and for others who are in need**

Liturgist: because God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *As the Deer*

*Please be seated.*

**A Call to Confession (Liturgist)**

We are mindful that we have fallen short in faith, hope and love. Trusting in God's goodness, we can be honest with God and with ourselves. Let us confess our sin.

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

**God, too many days we hit the ground running. We rush ourselves and are easily annoyed with red lights and slow cashiers. We think that we can live at "full tilt" and are surprised when our bodies say to us, "too much." Too often we do not observe a sabbath day, we eat on the run, and we burn too many candles.**

**Silent Confession** *Please take a moment for silent confession*

**Asking for God's Forgiveness**

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

**People: God, forgive us our frantic paces and our blindness to opportunities you give for restoration. Help us to honor you by honoring our bodies that you have created. Help us to explore daily rhythms that include times for rest and renewal so that we may be healthy in mind, body and spirit. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sung Response to Confession:   *Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.*

*The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

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

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

## **Children's Moment**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, as we open our hands in praise, we open our minds and hearts that we may hear your word and follow as you lead us to abundant life.

## **Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 40:27-31; Mark 1:35-39

## **The Message:**

Have You Tried Being Unhurried?

## **Hymn of Affirmation:**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God, verses 1-3*

## **Sharing Our Life Together**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us, this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## **Offertory**

**Thanksgiving in Song:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

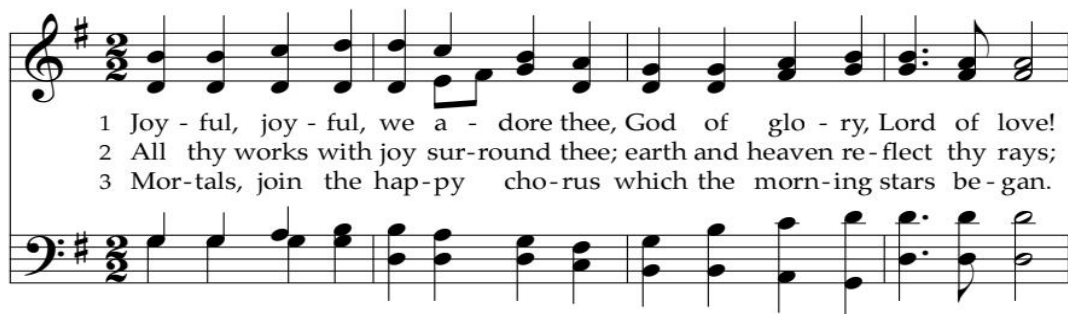
*Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

**\*Sending Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation, verses 1-3*

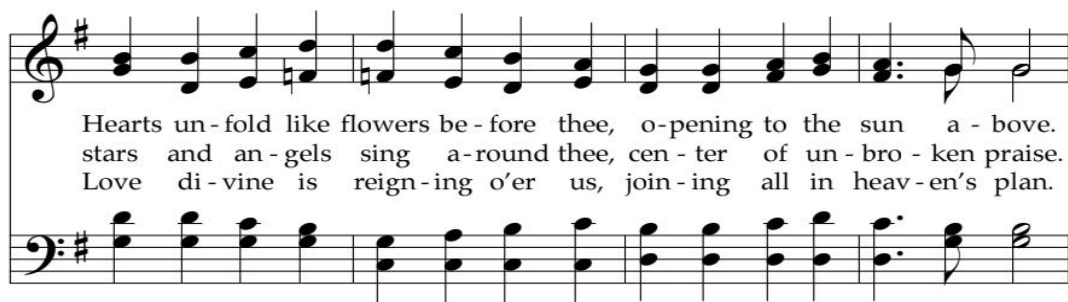
**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

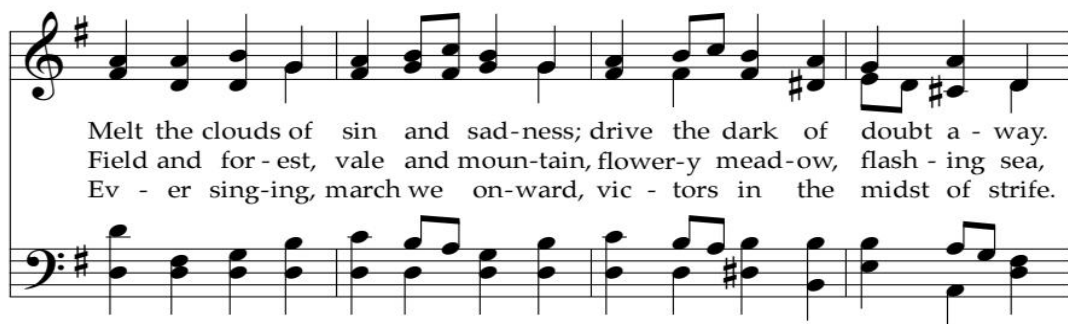
# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



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-pen-ing 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.

# 548 As the Deer

*As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Psalm 42:1*

*Harmony optional*

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.  
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.  
 3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.  
 I love You more than an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y - thing.  
 You a - lone are the real joy giv-er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

## Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

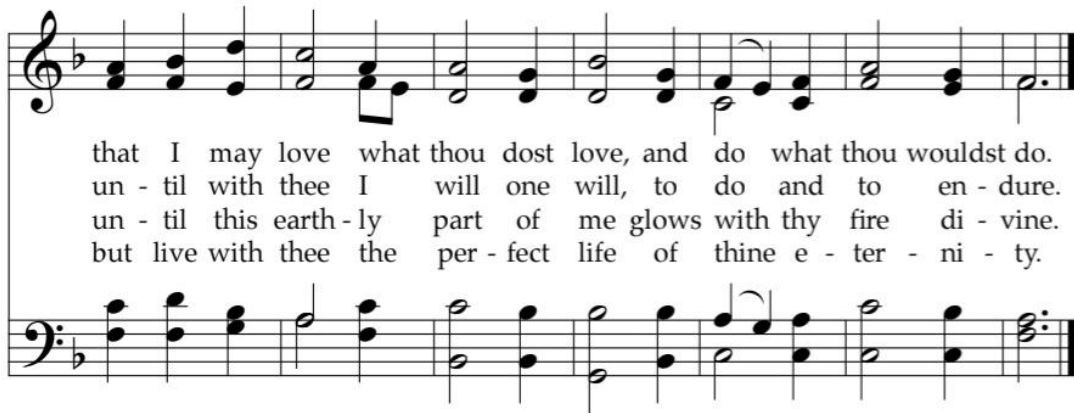
spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."