

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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by Polly Eubank

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Hymn to Joy

J. Wayne Kerr

Michael Burkhardt

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb;
may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

◆ HYMN 611

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of surprises:
you greeted Abraham and Sarah with news of wonder
and the promise of new life.
Stir in us an awareness of your power,
and awaken in us a sense of joy,
so that we may share in the laughter of those
who have been touched by your blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

There Is A Season

Rich Dewein, soloist
Berta and Sonja Poorman

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 18:1–15; 21:1–7

SERMON

In the Beginnings: Giving Birth to Laughter

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 157

LORD OF THE DANCE

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

SENDING

◆ HYMN 839

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

David Schack

About Today's Service

Assisting in worship today:

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Musical Offering: Rich Dewein

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dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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