

Morning Worship - September 23, 2018

Call to worship

Hymn 335 “Rejoice the Lord is King”

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

“Laughter: the best medicine” with a story from Nehemiah 8
And Memory Verse: “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Song Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice x 2
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice x 2

Collection and dedication of the Offering

Readings Philippians 4: 4-9 (p.1180) read by Peter Radcliffe
Luke 17: 11-21 (p.1051) read by Alison Briscoe

Hymn 80 “My God, I am thine”

Sermon and Prayers

Hymn 78 “Give thanks with a grateful heart”

COMMUNION

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right, it is our joy and delight, always to give God thanks and praise.

Alleluia!

Lord, we lift our hearts to you in joy and gratitude:

Thank you for life, its memories and hopes;

Thank you for growth, its challenge and renewal;

Thank you for thought, its imagination and insight;

Thank you for beauty, its comfort and blessings.

Our joy and gratitude is rooted in your love for us,

Which you made clear in Jesus Christ.

And so we give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

Thank you for Jesus, flesh and blood, who made love live.

Healing us and making us whole,

He sowed the gift of love in our hearts

And joined us to you and to each other.

Down through the ages he has called us to be his family
By loving one another, forgiving one another, serving one another,
Revealing the joy of your kingdom.

And so we give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

Now with all women and men in all times and places,
With the men who argued and laughed with our Lord,
With the women who served and attended our Lord,
With the ones we have loved who have gone before,
And with the whole company of heaven, we praise you, saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**

Blessed indeed is our saviour and healer, Jesus, who on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, broke it and said, "Take, eat, this is my body. Do this to remember me." Then he took the cup and said, "This cup is a sign of the new covenant of God's love. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

As we drink this cup and eat this bread, we proclaim the joy of the Lord as our strength, until his kingdom comes. Alleluia!

Loving God, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine
That our strength may be deepened, that our joy may be unbounded
And that our lives together may grow into your kingdom.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen. Alleluia!**

(Bread is broken)

The bread we break is our joyful sharing in the body of Christ.

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

(Bread and wine are shared in the usual way.)

CLOSING PRAYER

**We thank you loving God, that you have fed us with your presence.
You have given us the nourishment of your strength,
The joy of your cup, and the power of your Spirit.
In this and in the love we live,
You have shown us the hope of your kingdom. Amen. Alleluia!**

Hymn 81 "Now thank we all our God"

Blessing