

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Easter

“Holy Humor Sunday”

April 19, 2020

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Joy is loose,

In the wiggles of our children,

The whispers of our youth,

The smiles of our adults.

We praise God for this glorious day

Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs.

Let the laughter be deep, for we are God’s people.

Worship Song

Chapman/Bleecher

Glorious Day

*One day when Heaven was filled with His praises; One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin; Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed*

Chorus:

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me

Buried, He carried my sins far away

Rising, He justified freely forever

One day He’s coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day

*One day they led Him up Calvary’s mountain; One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected; Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree; And took the nails for me **[Chorus]***

*One day the grave could conceal Him no longer; One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered; Now He’s ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him **[Chorus]***

*One day the trumpet will sound for his coming; One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine; Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine **[Chorus]***

Scripture

Psalm 126 (MSG)

Mrs. Kim Shaw

Affirmation of Joy

Rev. Suzanne Ringer

We believe in God, who made us in the image of God.

We live, we love, we laugh, because God created us.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Our Lord and Savior.

Jesus had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with God our creator and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator—He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don’t claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that we will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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;
Give 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,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee,
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the Joy Divine.*

A Communion of Saints Affirmation of Humor

Children's Time

Mrs. Shaw

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Hayes

—adapted from the Holy Humor Sunday prayer written by April Fiet

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Worship Song of Response

Darrell Evans

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!*

*We say, 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 is gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes in the morning! [Chorus]*

Benediction

Lord, grant me a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor. Please give me the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension.

Let love be my guide, and my life a prayer.

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.

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