



Welcome

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\*Call to Worship

One: We have come, O God, celebrating Your great mercies towards us, calling us into a life of faith and trust.

**Many: We give you thanks for the examples of faith, justice, and reconciliation that have come before us.**

One: Looking to Jesus, we seek to live into the fullness of our callings to be people of God, builders of Christ's Beloved Community.

**Many: Set in our hearts, O God, the stories of those who have fought for justice-- living and dying to see the fulfillment of Your coming reign in the world.**

One: For the great cloud of witnesses, those named and unnamed, we are thankful. We gather to worship, heeding the call to press forward, laying aside that which weighs us down, and praising the name of our risen Christ.

**All: Great God, giver of life and keeper of our stories, help us to rejoice in truth-- bringing our authentic selves and the stories we hold to You, holy God, restorer of our souls. Amen.**

\*Hymn: Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing (page 3)

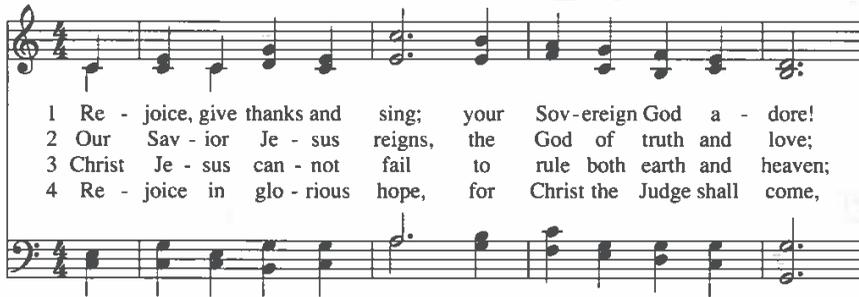
\*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in one God,  
the Creator Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.

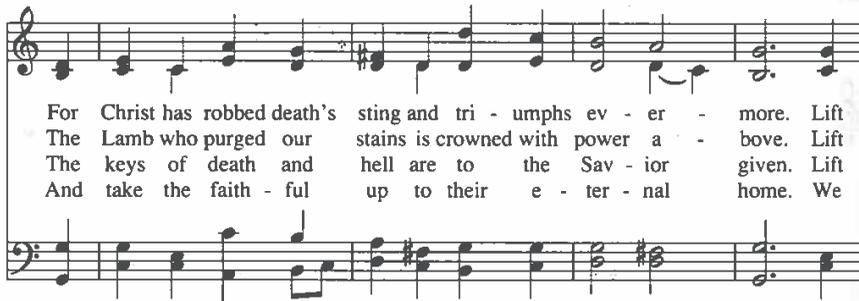
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father:  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one essence with the Creator.  
Through Christ all things were made.

\* Please stand in body and/or spirit.

# Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing



1 Re - joice, give thanks and sing; your Sov-ereign God a - dore!  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 Christ Je - sus can - not fail to rule both earth and heaven;  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,



For Christ has robbed death's sting and tri - umphs ev - er - more. Lift  
The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power a - bove. Lift  
The keys of death and hell are to the Sav - ior given. Lift  
And take the faith - ful up to their e - ter - nal home. We



up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
soon shall hear a heaven-ly voice a - bove the trum-pet's sound, "Re - joice!"

*This Ascension text, one of the festival hymns by Charles Wesley, was published originally in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems (1744). Somewhat altered, it appeared in this familiar version in Charles' 1746 collection, Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection.*

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
*John Darwall, 1770*

For us and for our liberation  
Christ came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of Mary, the favored one,  
and became one in being with us.  
For our sake he was lynched under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God.  
He will come again in glory to examine the living and the dead,  
and Christ's Beloved Community will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, divine wisdom, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from God, our Mother and Father,  
who with the Creator and the Christ, she is worshiped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge the baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer

Jasmyn Graham (MDiv '16)

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 (CEB)

Vivian Jones-Johnson (MDiv '16)

\*Confession

Reverend Dr. Sunggu Yang

**All: We confess that often we have failed  
to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
We have broken Your law,  
We have rebelled against Your love  
We have not loved our neighbors, and we  
have not heard the  
cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray,  
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

One: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether;  
the past is finished and gone, everything has become  
fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria Patri. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

Song

Lift Every Voice

Sermon

Kenneth Pettigrew (M.Div '16)

\*Communion

\* Please stand in body and/or spirit.

## Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving

God be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to God**

Let us give our God thanks and praise

**It is right and just to give thanks and praise**

For in truth, O God, it is right for us to give thanks and praise. With open hearts, we allow your praises to part our lips. We are mindful, our proximate God, of your great work of creation and your presence in all things.

[The leader leads in thankfully recalling God's great acts of salvation and concludes:]

We join as sisters and brothers, united around tables throughout the world, proclaiming your praise, saying:

Sanctus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

[The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The leader concludes:]

After the meal, Jesus, having been betrayed by one of his own, was arrested, tried unfairly, beaten, shamed, lynched on a Roman cross, died, and was buried. For many saw this and proclaimed that his story had come to an end, but in accordance with the scriptures, he was raised from the dead. Therefore, with joy, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

[The Leader continues in prayer. The Holy Spirit is invoked to bless the gifts of the Table.  
The Leader concludes:]

All this we ask through Jesus Christ: by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, holy God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

# Notes for Today's Worship

## About the Worship Leader

Kenneth Pettigrew, a native of Winston-Salem, NC is a graduate of the UNC School of the Arts with a degree in Vocal Performance and a third-year MDiv student at Wake Forest School of Divinity. He is the Coordinator for Faith-Based Community Engagement at United Way of Forsyth County, and between meetings and classes, he maintains a blog: Sub Renovationis (Under Renovation). He is a licentiate in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and proudly serves at St. John CME Church as a worship leader and member of the ministerial team.

## Worship

Today's worship service was planned by Kenneth Pettigrew (MDiv '16), Demi Day (MDiv '17), and Lindsey Altvater Clifton (MDiv '16). The altar design was created by Andria Williamson (MDiv '17). The bulletin was designed by Christine Hargraves (MDiv '16).

The call to worship and communion liturgy were written by Kenneth Pettigrew. The confession comes from the Book of Ritual of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Communion will be celebrated by intinction today. You will be given or you may receive bread and may choose to dip it in the wine or grape juice.

Bread is Gluten Free and baked by Marisa Fraley (MDiv '17).

Wine and grape juice are present in both chalices. Wine is in the lesser-filled side of the chalice and is inscribed with a "W". Grape juice is in the greater-filled side of the chalice and is inscribed with a "J."

## Worship Committee Members

For feedback, suggestions, or offers to participate in worship, please contact a member of the worship committee:

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