

The Church Gathered

May 2, 2021

11:00 a.m.

A happy heart makes the face cheerful
– Proverbs 15:13

Prelude

Rejoice in the Lord Always / This Is the Day
arr. Mark Hayes

Nancy Muskrat

Welcome to Worshippers

Michael Mills

*Long before the world is waking, morning mist on Galilee,
from the shore, as dawn is breaking, Jesus calls across the sea;
hails the boat of weary men, bids them cast their net again.*

Hymn of Adoration

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.**

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Words by Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 71:22-23

I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, my
God; I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy
One of Israel.

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you!

Hymn of Joy

Sunshine in My Soul

SUNSHINE

**There is sunshine in my soul today, more glorious and bright
than glows in any earthly sky, for Jesus is my light.**

**O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,
when the peaceful, happy moments roll;
when Jesus shows his smiling face,
there is sunshine in my soul.**

**There is music in my soul today for when my LORD is near,
the dove of peace sings in my heart, the flowers of grace appear.**

**There is gladness in my soul today, and hope and praise and love
for blessings which he gives me now, for joys "laid up" above.**

Words by Eliza E. Hewitt, 1887

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

*Charcoal embers brightly burning, bread and fish upon them laid:
Jesus stands at day's returning in his risen life arrayed;
As of old his friends to greet, "Here is breakfast; come and eat."*

Hymn of Service

I Love You

I LOVE THEE

**I love you, my Jesus, I love you, my LORD;
I love you my Savior, I love you, my God:
I love you, I love, and that you well know;
but how much I love you my actions will show.**

**I'm happy, I'm happy, oh, wondrous account!
My joys are immortal, I stand on the mount;
I gave on my treasure and long to be there,
with Jesus and angels and kindred so dear.**

**O Jesus, my Savior, with you I am blest,
my life and salvation, my joy and my rest;
your name be my theme, and your love be my song;
your grace shall inspire me and keep my heart strong.**

**Oh, who's like my Savior? He's Salem's bright King;
he smiles and he loves me and helps me to sing:
I'll praise him, I'll praise him with notes loud and clear,
while rivers of pleasure my spirit shall cheer.**

Words: Anonymous, Jeremiah Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805, alt.

Offertory Prayer

Charlene Bass

Instrumental Offertory

I've Got the Joy, . . . Down in My Heart

C. L. Bass

I've got the love of Jesus . . .

I've got the peace that passes understanding . . .

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the LORD!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the LORD," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the LORD. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Hymn of Testimony 614

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

MCDANIEL

**What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**Since Jesus came into my heart, (repeat)
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.**

**I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

**And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart!**

Message

Eastertide: Haven't You Any Fish?
John 21:1-14

Michael Mills

*Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us, feeds and comforts, pardons still;
As his faithful friends he greets us, partners of his work and will.
All our days, on every shore, Christ is ours for evermore!*

Hymn of Proclamation

Go Tell It on the Smartphone

GO TELL IT

**Go tell it on the smartphone,
FaceTime and Skype and way too many Zooms,
Go tell it on the smartphone that Jesus is alive.**

**While soldiers watched the gravesite that quiet Sunday dawn
there came a big commotion and then the storm was gone.**

**The women found no body their spices to anoint;
instead they found an angel, God's message to appoint.**

**When Jesus spoke to Mary, he said, "Don't hold me tight,
I'm going to the Father – you'll always have my light!"**

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Opportunities for Ministry

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

Go Out With Joy
Hank Beebe

C. L. Bass