



*Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ*

*April 28, 2024*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeanne Randall-Bodman

CENTERING MUSIC

Lily Breshears and Ian Timmons

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Koroloff

Rejoice and be glad!

A new day has been born, and we are together in it.

**We know the beauty of God's creation  
and the wonder of the human family.**

We come to worship God,

to share prayers and gifts, to offer our lives for God's redemptive work.

**May God bless us, that what we do in this time together  
be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

HYMN # 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Nancy Koroloff

**Spirit of Life, help us love what you love and desire what you promise. Through all the changes of this world, keep our hearts and minds rooted and grounded in you. Fill us with your grace and power, that by truthful words, just actions, and shared life we may witness to your living presence, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

LIBERATING WORD

John 15: 1 – 11

Nancy Koroloff

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

1 John 4: 7 – 21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

REFLECTION

Pastor Jeanne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Ubi Caritas

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Ubi Caritas". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers measures 1-4, and the second system covers measures 5-8. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4. Chord symbols are written above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes in both English and Latin. The English lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,". The Latin lyrics are: "u - bi car - i - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you." The second system includes a fermata over the final note of the first staff.

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,  
Your name is sacred. May we know your presence.  
May your longings be our longings in heart and in deed.  
May there be food for God's family today. For the planet God loves.  
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
As we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict,  
but lead us into new beginnings.  
For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES  
ANTHEM

Kairos Choir

RESPONSE            *Help me do the justice to be done today.  
Help me love kindness in all I do and say.  
Help me walk humbly with you, O God, I pray,  
Every step of the way, every step of the way.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, we thank you for all that you have given to our community.  
Bless the gifts we offer to each other. Bless the work we engage in together. Take all that  
we offer and empower us to do your work of love and justice in the world. Amen.**

HYMN

God Our Author and Creator

*God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,  
Make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.  
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed down-trod;  
in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God*

*Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:  
when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;  
by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.*

*Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,  
that at last all hearts may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."  
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,  
With all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.*

BENEDICTION

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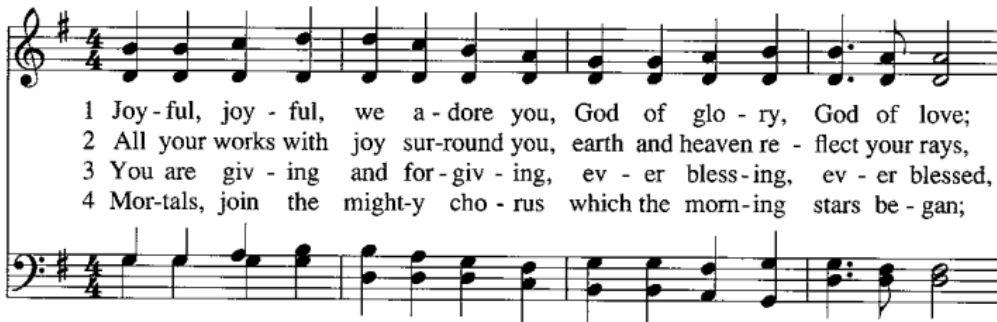
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Lily Breshears and Ian Timmons

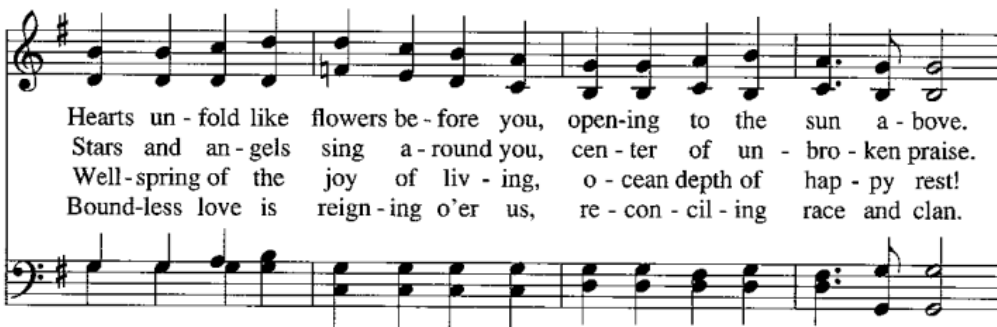
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Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

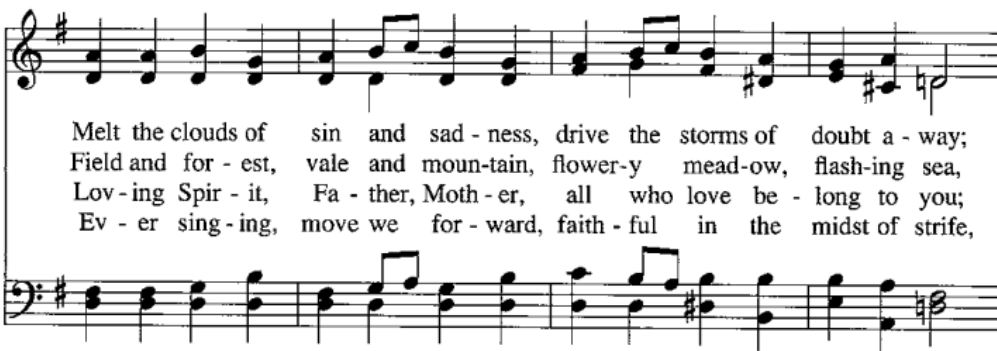
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



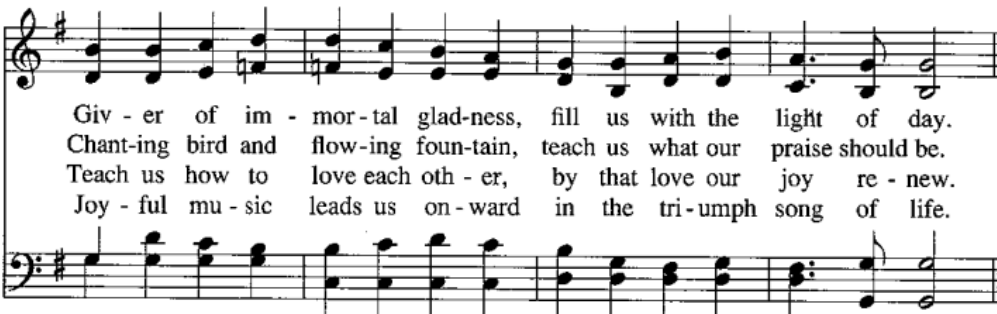
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846