

Let's Set the Table
Sunday, July 11, 2021

Chimes

Greeting

L: The joy of the Lord is our strength!

P: We come into the house of the Lord with joy and singing!

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Invitation to Worship**

L: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

P: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

L: Let every soul sing God's praises!

P: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

L: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

P: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. AMEN.

***Opening Music**

Joy to the World!

UMH #246

***Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. AMEN.

Special Music

Sing Ye A Joyful Song
Tim Cervenka, baritone

A. Dvorak

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹² It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Message

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***Hymn Response**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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Special Presentation for our Graduates and Scholars

Offering

- *Offertory Sentence: As we gather in the dance of faith and joy, we invite the world to share in our blessings. Let us give in thanksgiving and joy that others may dance alongside us.*
- *Offertory*
- *Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, you have called us to be present in joy and thanksgiving--to dance before you and the world. Bless these gifts that they may encourage us to live out your joy and touch the world with gladness. Amen.*

*A Closing Prayer:

L: In the beginning.....

P: The dance began to swirl and ponder.

L: In the beginning, all was dark.

P: And the dance cast forth bright light.

L: In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

P: And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.

L: In our beginning, God blessed us.

P: And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.

L: Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

P: Yet in the midst of it all, the Lord of the Dance is with us.

L: This dance, called Life, is everywhere - in the light and in the dark. It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

P: How shall we dance our dance for God?

L: We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that he taught to us, so that others may join the dance.

**P: Praise be to the Lord of the Dance, the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life!
AMEN.**

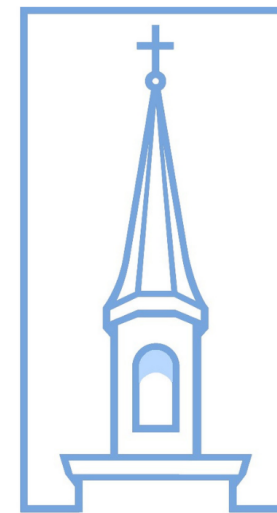
*Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance

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