



~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Sunday, April 11th, 2021 at 10:00 AM



PRELUDE

O Happy Day

Glenda Meech

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

GOD'S JOKE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we celebrate with holy humor.

The risen Christ is not a rumor.

We have good cause to laugh and sing.

To Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

The devil lost; our Savior won.

And in His name, let's have some fun!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Joy to the World

Pentatonix

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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 you will have the last laugh in this world,
Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

READING

God of Surprises

Sister Ann Casper

A FEW MORE REASONS TO LAUGH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR LAUGHTER SUNDAY

SPECIAL MUSIC *Joy of the Lord* Rend Collective Experiment

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES Psalm 104:1-28, 31-34
Proverbs 8:14-31
Matthew 18:1-5

MESSAGE *A Playful Romp with God* written by Debie Thomas

READING *Ollie's Vision* written by Steve Anderson

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Joyful, Joyful* Nathan Drake

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of joy and laughter, we thank you for the lasting happiness you give, which we cannot earn or buy. In gratitude, we bring our offerings and your tithes, with the prayer that you will use them to spread the joyful gospel of your great love for all people. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

**We believe in God,
who made us in His image.
We live, we love, we laugh,
because we are like Him.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.
He had the last laugh on the devil
when he rose from the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.
Our counselor, our guide, our motivator—
He is our joy!**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Shine Jesus Shine* Glenda Meech