

**Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church**  
**November 22nd, 2020**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Color: Green**  
**Worship Time 9:00 am**



**Prelude Music**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Greeting:**

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Call to Worship:**

L: When in Our Music God is Glorified

**P: For the Music of Creation**

L: From All That Dwell Below the Skies

**P: All Creatures of Our God and King**

L: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy**

L: Wonderful Words of Life

**P: Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above**

L: Make, in Whom We Live

**P: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

L: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**P: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain! AMEN!**

**Hymn:**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**#89**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

**Opening Prayer:** adapted from *Ephesians 5:19-21* - O Lord, we pray that the music we make or the songs that we sing are always from our hearts to You. We pray that as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, we genuinely dedicate each melody to You. We pray that we always give You thanks for all things, in Jesus' Name. We thank You for this talent You have given us, we choose to give it back to You by using it to glorify Your Name, Amen.

*(silent prayer)*

**Words of Assurance:** from *Psalms 98:1-7* - Dear Lord, I sing to You a new song because You have done marvelous things, I am in awe of the works of Your salvation! I shout because the joy You give me is uncontainable! I praise You with the harp and with the sound of singing. I pray that all music is to glorify Your great Name. You are an awesome Father, I choose to worship You in Spirit and truth in all that I do, Amen.

**Special Music**

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

Gracious and Merciful Lord,  
our church is working to hear the words of your Spirit.  
Our desire is to learn what and who you are calling us to be in your world.  
We call out to you  
that we might have the courage  
to give to you whatever burdens we entered with today  
so that our hearts and minds can be open to you,  
to your Word,  
and to your Spirit — your Ruach\*<sup>1</sup>  
— the same life-giving breath from the first of creation.

Christ challenges us to know you, God,  
as one who would search us out if we are lost.  
But we must also know that when we are not the "one,"  
we are members of the 99 waiting together for your guidance.  
So it is together that we use our breath to pray the words Christ taught us, saying ...

### The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

“The Old Rugged Cross”

#504

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

[Refrain]

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<sup>1</sup> The meaning of "Ruach" is the Hebrew word for breath, wind, and spirit.

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.  
[Refrain]

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.  
[Refrain]

**Reading from the Book of Psalms:**

**Psalm 81: 01-16**

**81** Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

<sup>3</sup> Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

<sup>4</sup> For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

<sup>6</sup> I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

<sup>7</sup> Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

<sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

<sup>9</sup> There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

<sup>10</sup> I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

<sup>11</sup> But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

<sup>12</sup> So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

<sup>13</sup> Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

<sup>14</sup> I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

<sup>15</sup> The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured forever.

<sup>16</sup> He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

**L:** Hear what the Scripture says to God's people!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message:**

**“I Thank You for the Gift of Music”**

**by Eric Machan Howd**

**Hymn:**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**#369**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of the spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

[Refrain]

**Benediction:**

May the beauty of God  
be reflected in your eyes,  
the love of God  
be reflected in your hands,  
the wisdom of God  
be reflected in your words,  
and the knowledge of God  
flow from your heart,  
that all might see,  
and seeing, believe



## Welcome

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we hope you feel welcome and will join us again for the worship of God. For many of us, we think of this as “home” and would invite you to do the same. We are family – you belong. “We welcome persons of any faith background into our fellowship, either as a member or as a friend.”

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**Zoom Worship is at 9:00 am.**

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