



Philippians

Pressing On - Partners in Joy



3rd Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise and Prayer

He Lives

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Prayer of Confession

The Father's House

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Announcements

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Minute for Mission

Endowment Council

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Prayerful Partnership

Response

Stand in Your Love

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The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Song

O Come to the Altar

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Blessing

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

Pastorale on a Celtic Alleluia

(Composer: Richard Proulx)

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Opening Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

#187

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You

know how hard it is to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Minute for Mission

Endowment Council

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

(Composer: Harold W. Friedell)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

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Sermon

Prayerful Partnership

Music for Reflection

Kol Nidrei

(Composer: Max Bruch)

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Communion of the People

Communion Reflection Break Thou the Bread of Life
(Composer: William Sherwin)

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #351

Benediction

Postlude Ode to Joy
(Composer: Beethoven/arr. Anonymous)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader/Liturgy	Luke Stoner
Minute for Ministry	David Nyren
Scripture Readers	Elaine Holmquist (9:30); Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Elaine Holmquist
Worship Band Members	Jim Peterson (piano); Carl Tobias (electric guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer); Matt Parks and Deb Valkenaar (vocals)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Anthem	Village Church Choir (11:00)
Instrumental Trio	Cheung Family: Christine (piano); Hannah (cello) (11:00)

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Reflection Questions

Pressing On-Partners in Joy: Prayerful Partnership

Philippians 1:3-11 is a prayer Paul offers to God to thank the Philippian church for their partnership in living the good news of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Although he is writing this letter from prison, he expresses his fondness for the church in Philippi and their fellowship in Christ. In these verses, he begins to identify some critical pieces of their joining in purpose and mission with him and what he hopes they will acquire through their relationship with Christ.

Connecting:

1. Share what was meaningful to you from the message this week.
2. Who are you grateful for in your life of discipleship and know that you would not be a Christian without them?

Listening and Acting:

1. Why is it important for Paul to share (*koinonia*) in the gospel with the church in Philippi? What is the outcome of this partnership?
2. Paul says he is "constantly praying with joy". Joy or rejoice is used over 16 times in this letter and is used throughout the New Testament. Given the fact that Paul is writing this from prison, what does it say about praying with joy? Where does the joy come from for Paul in these verses? What are the implications?
Bonus: Underline the word "joy" or "rejoice" each time it is used in the letter.
3. Paul is opening himself up by sharing his heart with those in the church. What is the "good work among you" and its impact on people?
4. Paul's prayer seeks for something specific to happen. What is it and how might that change a community of disciples?
5. What gets in the way of praying this way for others?

Impact:

1. Who has extended the joy of the Lord to you or been like a Paul who prayed for you with deep joy?