



## Order of Worship

May 9, 2021

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### Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

### Greeting

Emery Parker

What does the Lord require of you?  
To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.

What does God command of us?  
To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

God does not call us to ease or to comfort,  
but to presence, and abundance,  
and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us,  
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of the way.

### Opening Hymn

### Joy of the Lord

### Opening Prayer

Gary White

Precious Jesus, lover of all humankind,  
be with us today as we worship.  
Righteous God, help us to hear your Word  
so that we may be forever changed.  
Holy Spirit, fill us with the strength and courage

to do the hard work of fighting for peace and justice in this world.  
Triune God, fill us with that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.

**Anthem** **Precious Lord** Dorsey, arr. Hemphill

Nilse and Sean Gilliam; Chancel Choir

**Scripture** **Deuteronomy 10** (selected verses)

**Sermon** **The Bible Tells Me So**

The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe

*General Secretary*

*General Board of Church & Society of the United Methodist Church*

**Personal Reflection** Ed Betts

**Offering Prayer** Gary White

O God,  
accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response  
to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us.  
May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out  
your love and justice, mercy and peace  
as they are revealed in and through Jesus,  
your Son and our Savior. Amen

**Special Music** **Justice, Justice** Cotler and Marx

Chancel Choir arr. Frazier

**Prayer** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

*Our Father who art in heaven,*  
How blissful it is to imagine heaven on earth...  
but our world faces so many challenges.  
Hunger and poverty continue unabated,  
the pandemic rages in many lands,  
and wars seem unending,  
as conflict between nations and peoples persists.  
God, grant to us the experience of heaven here on earth.

*Hallowed be your name.*

Your name is holy, your people are holy.

You created us in your image,

and you love us with an everlasting love.

We pray for those whose dignity is diminished

By those who would forget that you are their Creator.

May all people be allowed to live into their full measure

as children of the Living God,

holy, and blessed and beloved.

*Your kingdom come, your will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

We know that your kingdom is a kingdom of love, justice and of peace...

a kingdom of abundance for all.

Do not allow us to be deceived by the standards of this world,

where unjust wars destroy and colonizers become rulers of the nations.

Let your will be done soon,

and vanish the false kingdom of empire power,

until we can finally say, heaven is possible here on earth.

*Give us this day our daily bread,*

The bread that we eat today satisfies our hunger,

but those who make the bread in many countries have empty stomachs.

How can we be happy when our body is full while many are wanting?

Burden our hearts with the need for others to be nourished.

May our daily bread be the communion of struggle and hope,

and be the bread that is shared by all.

*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

Holy God, we look inward and see our wrong-doing.

When we have not loved You and our neighbor,

renew us and enable us to make up that which we have failed to do.

Give us hearts that can share your grace by forgiving others.

May we be sustained in our courage,

that we will hold accountable those who have wronged,

exploited and oppressed your people.

Your grace is sufficient,  
and by that grace we can know strength and healing and forgiveness.

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*  
Let us not falter in our work for justice and peace.  
Keep us from all cynicism,  
and grant us steadfast hearts to overcome evil in our midst.

*For the kingdom,  
and the power  
and the glory are yours forever.*  
This we believe.  
Let your power of love and the glory of justice and peace  
be with us all forever and ever.  
Amen.

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>Let My People Seek Their Freedom</b>	UMH 586
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Prelude in C Major</b>	Saint-Saëns

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Meet Our Guest Preacher! Click [here](#) to read about The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe.  
*Opening prayer from A Collection of Prayers for Peace, 2004*  
*Offering prayer written by Moira Laidlaw*  
*Intercessory prayer: adapted from a prayer by Norma P. Dollaga*

# Joy Of The Lord

Words and Music by  
Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson  
and Ed Cash

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## VERSE 1 & 2

C



1. Though the tears may fall, my song will rise, — my song will rise — to You. Though my  
(2.) dead of night, I'll lift my eyes, — I'll lift my eyes — to You. When the

3

F<sup>2</sup>



heart may fail, my song will rise, — my song will rise — to You. While there's breath in — my lungs  
wa - ters rise, I'll lift my eyes, — I'll lift my eyes — to You. While there's hope in — this heart

6

C

1.

2.



I will praise You, Lord. \_\_\_\_ 2. In the \_\_\_\_ The  
I will praise You, Lord. \_\_\_\_

## CHORUS

10

C

Am<sup>7</sup>



joy of — the Lord is — my strength! The joy of — the Lord is — my

13

G

F<sup>2</sup>



strength! In the dark - ness — I'll dance, in the shad - ows — I'll sing, the

VERSE 3

16 C

joy of \_ the Lord is \_ my strength! 3. When I can-not see You with my eyes, \_ let

19

faith a - rise \_ to You. When I can-not feel Your hand in mine, \_ let faith a - rise \_ to You. God of

22 F<sup>2</sup> C

mer - cy \_ and love, I will praise You, Lord. \_\_\_\_ 4. Oh, You

VERSE 4

26 C

shine with glo-ry, Lord of light; \_ I feel a - live \_ with You. In Your pres-ence now, I come a - live; \_ I

29 F<sup>2</sup>

am a - live \_ with You. There is strength when \_ I say: "I will praise You,

CHORUS

32 C

Lord!" \_\_\_\_\_ The joy of \_ the Lord is \_ my strength! The

36 Am<sup>7</sup> G

joy of \_ the Lord is \_ my strength! In the dark - ness \_ I'll dance, in the

39 F<sup>2</sup> C Last time to Coda 1, 3.

shad - ows \_ I'll sing, the joy of \_ the Lord is \_ my strength! The

42 INSTRUMENTAL

strength!

46 BRIDGE

When sor - row comes my way, You are the shield a - round me.

49

Al - ways, You re - main, my cour - age in the fight. I hear You call my name.

52 D.S. al Coda

Je - sus, I am com - ing, walk - ing on the waves, reach - ing for Your light! The

56 Coda

strength!

# 586 Let My People Seek Their Freedom

1. "Let my peo-ple seek their free-dom in the  
 2. "Let my peo-ple seek their free-dom in the  
 3. When we mur-mur on the moun-tains for the  
 4. In the mael-strom of the na-tions, in the

wil-der-ness a-while, from the slave pens of the  
 wil-der-ness a-while, from the ag-ing shrines and  
 old E-gyp-tian plains, when we miss our an-cient  
 jour-neying in-to space, in the clash of gen-er-

Del-ta, from the ghet-tos on the Nile":  
 struc-tures, from the clois-ter and the aisle":  
 bond-age, and the hope, the prom-ise, wanes;  
 a-tions, in the hun-ger-ing for grace,

so God spoke from out of Si-nai, so God spoke and  
 so the Son of God has spo-ken, and the storm clouds  
 then the rock shall yield its wa-ter and the man-na  
 in our ag-o-ny and glo-ry, we are called to



it was done, and a people crossed the  
 are un - furled, for God's people must be  
 fall by night, and with vi-sions of a  
 new - er ways by the Lord of our to -

wa - ters toward the ris - ing of the sun.  
 scat - tered to be ser - vants in the world.  
 fu - ture shall we march to - ward the light.  
 mor - rows and the God of earth's to - days.

WORDS: T. Herbert O'Driscoll, 1971 (Dt. 8:14-18)  
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

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