

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 30, 2022**  
**10 am**

**GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD**

**Preservice Music**

Northside Chapel Praise Band

**Prelude**

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
~Arr. Ted Smith

*Andy Potts*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Ministry Fair**

**All Saints' Submissions**

**SPRC Announcement**

**Call to Worship**

This is love: Not that we loved God, but that God loved us  
and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (*1 John 4:10*)

**This is the truth: God is love, and we are God's beloved.** (*1 John 4:16*)

This is what we were made for: To become like Christ in our living and loving.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we worship God**

**for the life and love we have received in Jesus!**

**Opening Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH# 89

**Verse 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!

**Verse 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

**Verse 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

**Verse 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 (*unison*)

**Almighty God, today we give thanks for all the blessings You have given to us in Jesus:  
the freedom of sins forgiven,  
a life of purpose,  
a future with hope,  
and a peace which passes all understanding.**

**Because Jesus is alive, we have confidence that He is still at work in this world and in our lives. May we grow to trust Him more deeply and follow Him more faithfully, and in doing so, share His abundant life with the world. We ask this in His name. Amen.**

### Prayer Response

*Because He Lives (Amen)*

#### Verse 1

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

#### Chorus

Amen, amen, I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

#### Verse 2

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow | Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand

#### Chorus

#### Ending

Because He lives

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Presentation of Bibles

*Linda Morrison, Pastor Jen Eschliman*

## Proclamation and Response

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## Gospel Reading

John 10:7-10

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Testimonies

*The Way that Leads to Life: Jesus*

Lois Dunn-Yuille, Rick Fairhurst, Barb Rhodes, Angelo Went

## Reflection

Pastor Jen Eschliman

## Reception of New Members

Barbara Hamilton, Mike Hamilton, Gill & Sally Seal

## Congregational Responses:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

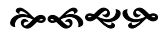
**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,**

and be found faithful in their service to others.  
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.



Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.  
We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service,  
and our witness that in  
everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

## Offering Ourselves and Our Commitments to God

### Offertory

*The Goodness of God*

#### Verse 1

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Verse 2

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

## Chorus

### Bridge

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me **(Repeat)**

### Chorus (x2)

## Doxology

UMH# 95

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

## Offertory Prayer

## Closing Hymn

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
vs 1, 2 & 4

UMH# 156

### Verse 1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

### Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

### Verse 2

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee **(Refrain)**

### Verse 4

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long **(Refrain)**

## Sending Forth

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fantasia on *Hymn to Joy*  
~Arr. Andrew Potts

Andy Potts