

October 15, 2023

*Rejoice* LET YOUR GENTLENESS  
*in the* BE EVIDENT TO ALL  
*Lord* THE LORD IS NEAR  
*always* Do not be anxious about anything  
but in everything, by prayer  
and petition, with thanksgiving  
present your requests to God  
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN AND THE PEACE OF GOD which  
*Rejoice* transcends all understanding  
will guard your hearts and your minds  
in CHRIST JESUS

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

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## **Processional**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

## **Preparation for Worship**

Mother Teresa

Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

## **Prelude**

*Prelude in A flat Major*

Robert J. Powell

## **Introit**

Jesus, We Are Here

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 23

**One:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters.

**All:** **He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**One:** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**All:** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise #155**

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

## Call to Confession

One: The Lord wants the very best for us, providing joy as a gift to us and receiving joy from us when we follow in his footsteps. Let us come face to face with the one who can free us from the sins which so easily corrupt our soul and disrupt heaven's joy.

## Prayer of Confession

All: **Lord of the Spirit, you give generously of the fruits of the Spirit including love, joy, and peace. We often return those gifts by responding to the challenges in life with fear, despair, and anguish. Forgive us and turn us from pain to prayer, and from condemnation to confession, and from anguish to joy.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1

One: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are the ones whose sins the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit is no deceit.

All: **Hear the Joyous Good News: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Amen.**

## \*Gloria #579

*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.*

## Anthem

*The Heavens Are Telling*

Mark Patterson

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And the firmament proclaims the work of God's own hand.  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
Day by day they speak God's praise.  
And night into night the skies reveal their knowledge:  
The splendor of God revealed to us.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And the firmament proclaims the work of God's own hand.  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
All creation gladly proclaims the majesty of God.  
As the sun lights the heavens, God's glory shines!  
And all behold the majesty of God!  
The heavens are telling the glory of God!*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O source of light and truth, by your Spirit dwell within us and we in you, that we might hear and understand and know the joy of acting according to your Word. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

Philippians 4:1-9

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Reasons for Rejoicing

Larry Vilaro

**\*Hymn #514**

*Let Us Tongues and Talents Employ*

**Prayers of the People**

*After each petition please say, “God of Life and Hope”  
and all respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Robert J. Powell

**\*Doxology #591**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

One: God shows his dedication to us by giving us the privilege of prayer. He listens when we are happy, he heals when we are hurt, he knows that we are human. Let us respond to the Lord’s love for us by dedicating ourselves to prayer and praise.

**\*Closing Hymn #150**

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Amen**

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Fanfare*

Robert Wetzler

*\*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor: Rev. Larry Vilardo  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Lector: Sejin Oh  
Greeter: Ed Sams  
Usher: Jeff Lawton  
Flowers: Lorraine and Larry Vilardo  
Coffee: Nancy and Chuck Cobery

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!**

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

### **Book Club, Monday, October 16, 2pm, Fireside Room**

We will discuss “The Personal Librarian”. Vickie Rutan will lead the discussion.

### **Happy Hour, October 19, 5pm**

We meet for a happy hour on the third Thursday of every month. The location this month is at the Crepe Place. 1134 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz.

### **Stewardship Sunday, October 29**

Join us as we celebrate the culmination of our Stewardship campaign with a wonderful potluck after the worship service. Contact Michael Christie for information.

## **Memorial Service for Kostas Spalaris, November 4, 1pm**

We will have a service in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Be Part of the Solution to the Housing Problem**

Please consider joining the team of dedicated Trinity volunteers who provide lunches for the volunteer construction workers who are building new homes in the Live Oak neighborhood. It's an easy, yet important way to participate in the great work of Habitat for Humanity in our community. The next available dates are November 7 and December 5. Contact Lee Duffus for further information at [leeduffus@gmail.com](mailto:leeduffus@gmail.com) or a text at 831-295-3025.

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Down  
for Hymns**



# Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

Charles Wesley, 1746

Desc. Sidney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

*Descant*

3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2. God's king-dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given:  
 To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!



# 514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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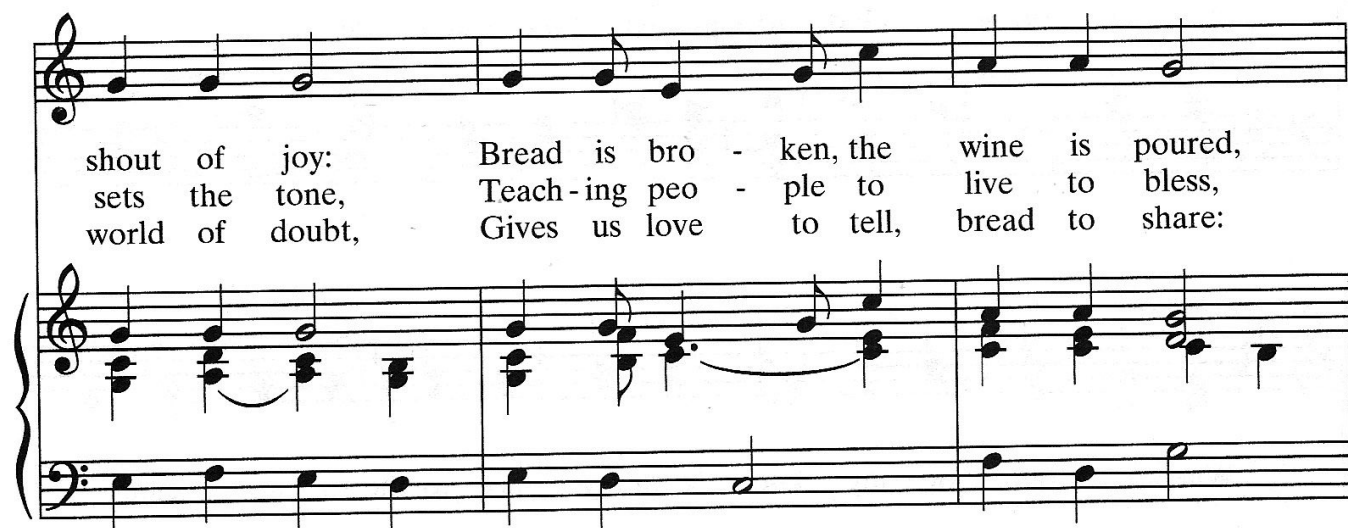
Jamaican folk melody  
Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Fred Kaan, 1975

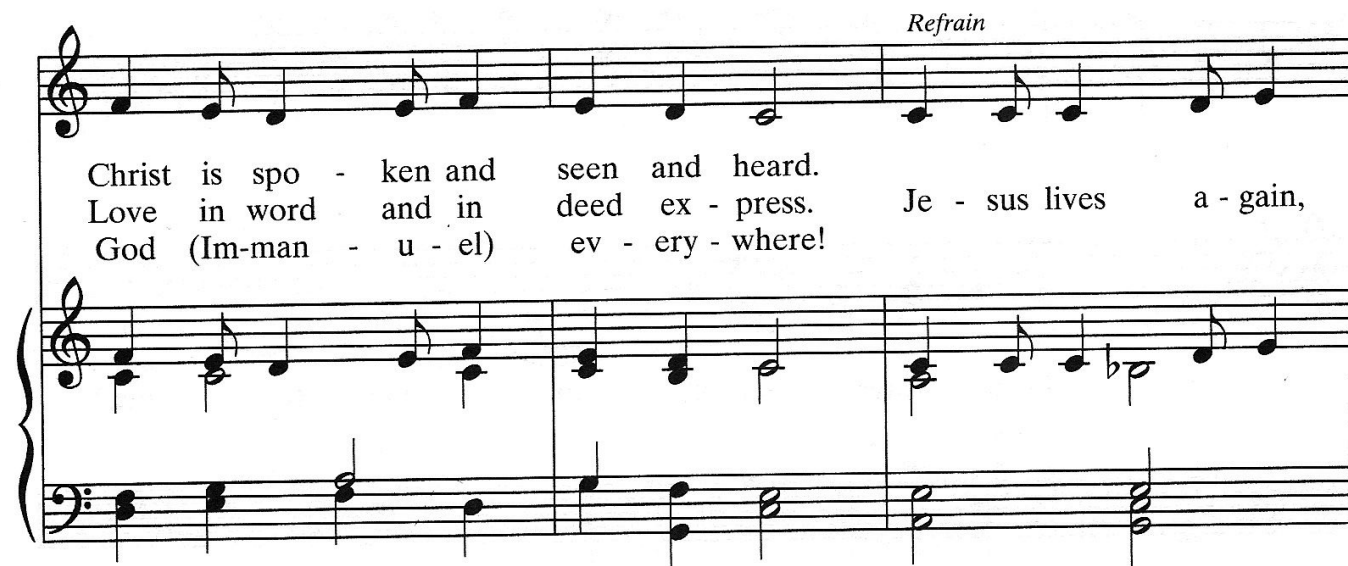
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1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy,      Reach-ing out, with a  
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one,      At the ta - ble He  
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out      Bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy:      Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,  
sets the tone,      Teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
world of doubt,      Gives us love to tell, bread to share:



*Refrain*  
Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
Love in word and in deed ex - press.      Je - sus lives a - gain,  
God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



LORD'S SUPPER

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics underneath. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands.

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# 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID 6.6.6.6 D

Spanish folk melody  
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra-cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"