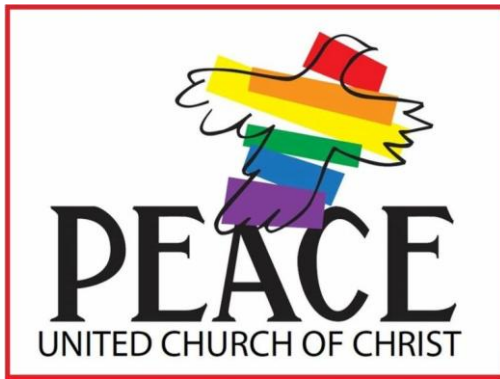




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

25 October 2026 – 10:30 AM
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Reformation Sunday

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

H. Alexander Matthews

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING

**We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'r'y, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzanne McLean, vice moderator

One: Servants of God, lift up your heads,
All: That the Lord of Life may behold our eyes!
One: Servants of God, lift up your hands,
All: That the Lord of Life may bless our works!
One: Servants of God, lift up your hearts,
All: That the Lord of Life may abide within!

*HYMN 4 [hymn sheet]

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
Turn, O Lord! How Long? Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!

ANTHEM

The Peace of Wild Things
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

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GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

SERMON

Great-ness?

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

South African Hymn

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**
(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**
Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo,
Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.

(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**
(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**
Amen, amen, amen, amen,
Amen, we praise your name, O God.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Measure Me, Sky!



Elaine Hagerberger

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Gonzalez, Bruce Thurman

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God’s ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus’ ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God’s amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ’s mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN 25 [hymn sheet]

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

ST. ANNE

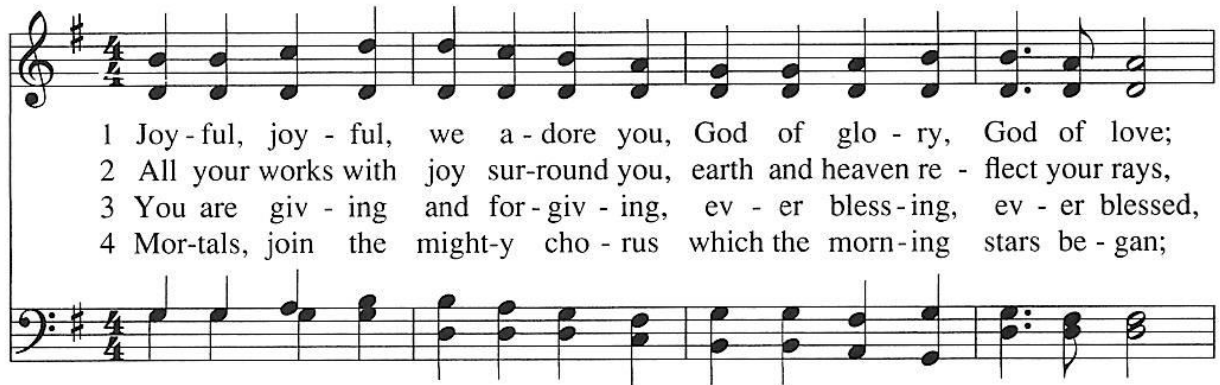
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Wilbur Held

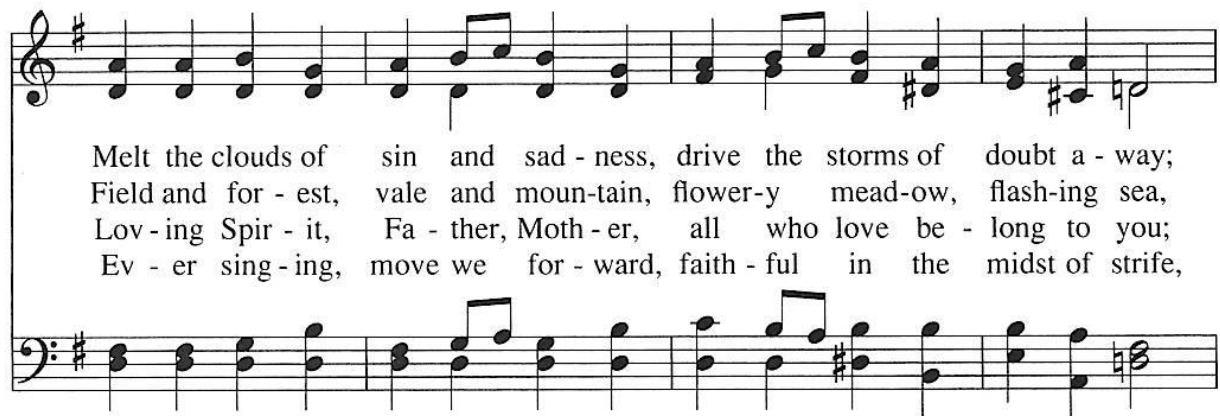
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*


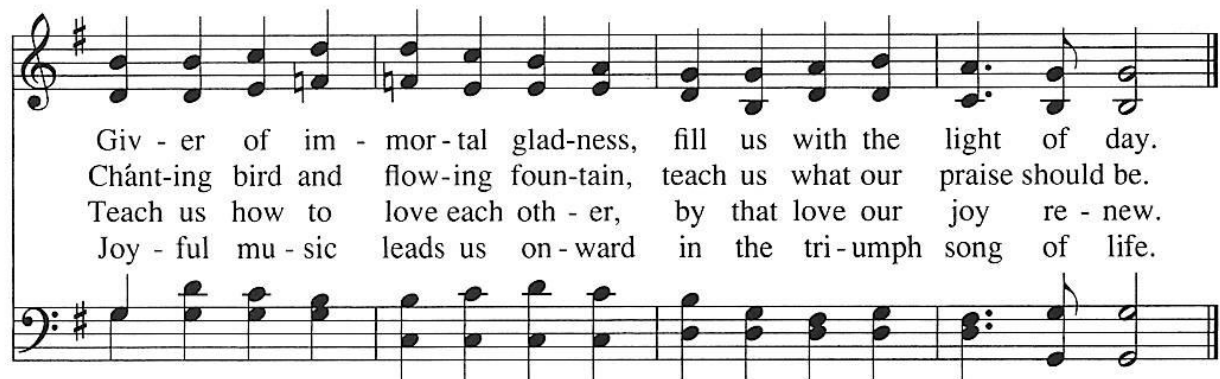
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven.

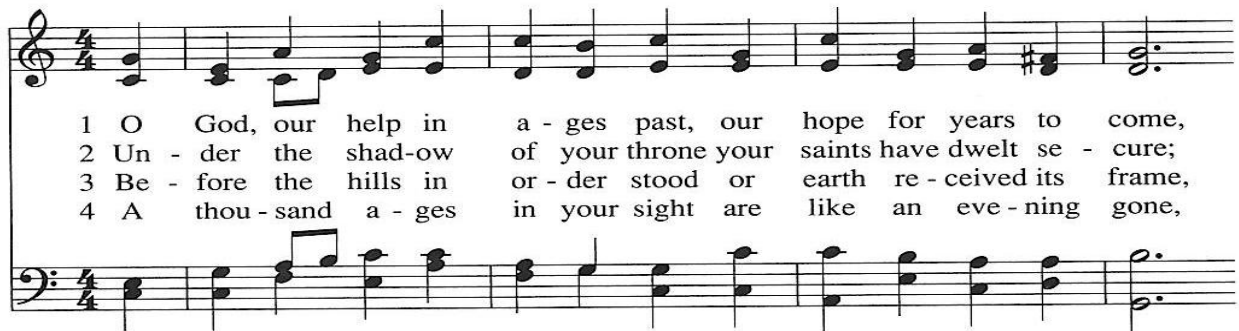
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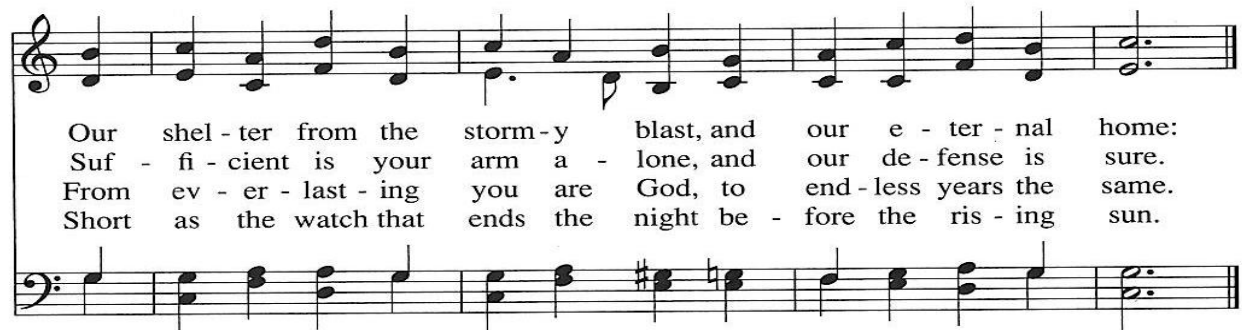
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev-er-roll-ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for-got-ten, as a dream
fades at the o-pening day.

6 O God, our help in a-ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou-bles last,
and our e-ter-nal home!

Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708