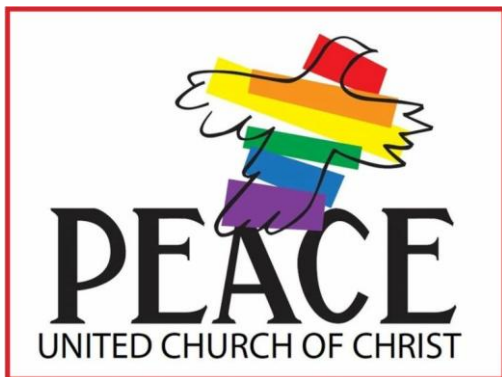




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

6 September 2026 – 10:30 AM
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Just the Two of Us
Aidan Santa Cruz • piano & vocals

Withers/ Macdonald/ Salter

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

James Howley, liturgist

One: Praise God! Sing to God a new song.

All: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

One: Let Israel be glad in its Maker.

All: For God takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.

*HYMN

Laurie Zelman and Mark Miller

You know my words, before they're said. You know my need and I am fed.

You give me life. You know my ways, my strength my path for all my days...

If I should fly beyond the dawn, the shadows will not overcome,

If I lie down in deepest night, still you are there, my truth my light...

Our every thought, each word we say, the whole of time, the present day,

Are held within your mighty hand too wonderful to comprehend...

O mend my heart and free my voice. From sin released, I will rejoice.

O search me now, my spirit cries, and let my song of praise arise...

*INVOCATION

One: Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts...

**All: Waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;
Waiting to be filled through the touch of your Spirit;
Waiting to be filled by new energy for service.**

One: Come to us, we pray. Be with us and touch our lives with your loving goodness.

**All: Lead us to be your servant people, and grant us your grace to rightly worship
you here, and to act in the world in the way of Jesus Christ, Pioneer and
Perfector of our faith.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

James Howley

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on

earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

ANTHEM *Love* John Lennon

REFLECTION *Repairing the World* Pastor Dave

RESPONSE SPIRIT

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH concluding with *A Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus*

One: For those who long to hear the Good News of your love,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who want for food, clothing and shelter,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who live with war and rumors of war,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For all who struggle for hope and meaning,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For ourselves and our loved ones,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For the health of your creation,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

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.

OFFERTORY *Love Ballade* Oscar Peterson

As you come forward with your offering, you are invited to gather around the table
for the Communion prayers.



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayers of Consecration

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As you partake of the sacrament, you may return to your seat

God of all goodness, we thank you for the nourishment of our faith and the renewal of our lives through this Communion in Christ. So send us now into the world as instruments of your peace. Where there is hate, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. (inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1181 to October 3, 1226)

*HYMN 4 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* HYMN TO JOY

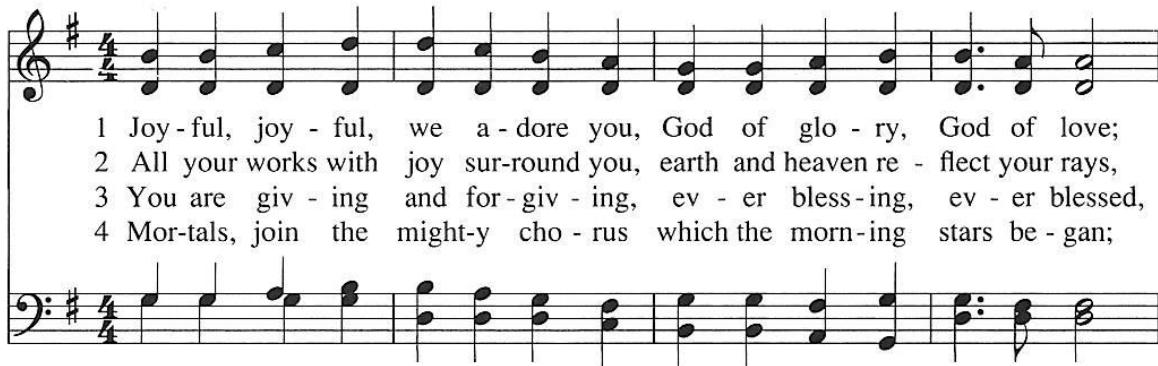
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Golden Slumbers – Carry that Weight* Lennon/McCartney

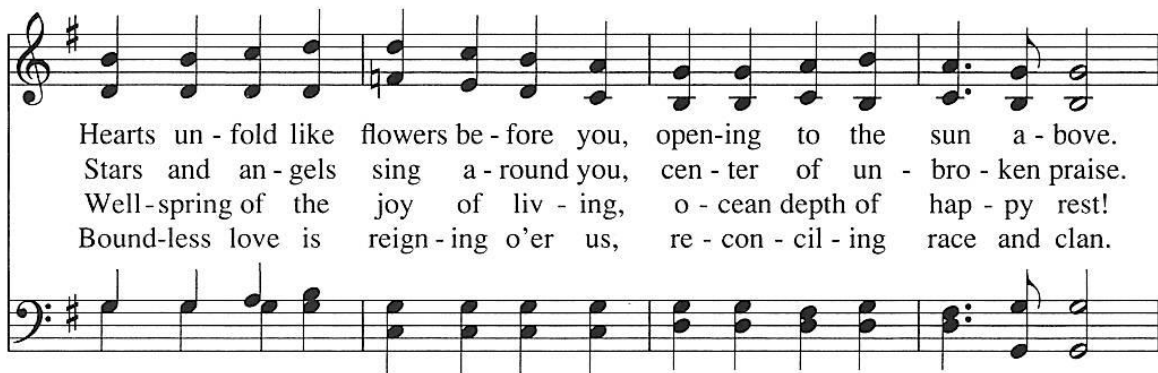
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



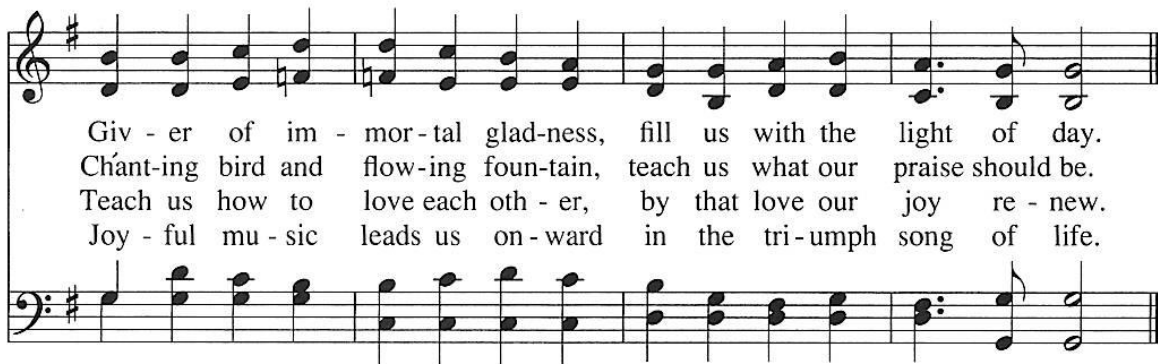
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



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.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846