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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Be the Church: Enjoy This Life

This is a service of joy! We are celebrating God's love and provision in our lives! As the service goes on, you are invited to celebrate. As you entered, you were given circles—on this circle, using the sharpie provided, write something that brings you joy. When your color circle is listed in the bulletin, we invite you to come forward and bring that circle forward to the art project we are building together during today's service.

Sit back, listen to some poetry, sing some songs, have a dance party, color some pictures, eat some chocolate—CELEBRATE with your church family. God is good!

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE JOY OF POETRY

Balloons Belong in Church

Ann Weems

PRELUDE

*During the prelude, if you have a **red** circle, please bring it up to the easel.*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

P: We come as families, large and small in number, seeking God's love.

L: God's love is here for you, some come in celebration of that love!

P: We open our hearts to receive God's love and understand how we are connected to God.

L: Come with hope to witness God's power!

P: We open ourselves to the call to serve God joyfully!

L: Come as together, we proclaim God's presence.

P: We are open to God's invitation to worship, witness, and serve!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 35** (Sing! Hymnal, see p. 5)

No Matter²

During the opening hymn, if you have an orange circle, please bring it up to the easel.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: God, you've given us much joy, and we've not embraced it.

You've given us hope, and we choose fear instead. We will choose

doom and gloom and hate over your way of faith, hope, and love.

Help us to turn our minds around to enjoy this life. May we cherish

this moment and everyone with whom we share it. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2026 (FWS)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah⁴

During the act of praise, if you have a yellow circle, please bring it up to the easel.

ALL SING: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle,

Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE—DANCE BREAK

SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20
Be the Church: Enjoy this Life

HYMN NO. 524 (black hymnal)

This Little Light of Mine

During the hymn, if you have a green circle, please bring it up to the easel.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM *He Gives Me Joy* by Williams/Bullington

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

Poem

OFFERTORY

During the offertory, if you have a blue circle, please bring it up to the easel.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2081 (FWS)

Thank You, Jesus

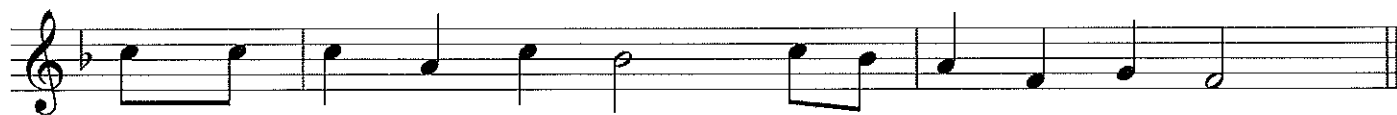
ALL SING: Thank you Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you Jesus, Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tino Tenda Jesu / Thank You, Jesus, Amen!



Ti - no ten - da Je - su. Ti - no ten - da Je - su.
Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Je - sus, a - men!



Ti - no ten - da Je - su. Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!
Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 526** (black hymnal, sing 3x in English)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*During the closing hymn, if you have a **purple** circle, please bring it up to the easel.*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷

jour-ney of life; you're wel- come, wel- come in this. place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ C F F

To verses Last time, Fine

jour-ney of life: ac- cept- ed, wel- comed by God's grace. grace.

Verses

F B^badd⁹ B^bm^{add}⁹

1. For we are fam - i - ly, meant to be

2. And in di - ver - si - ty, u - ni - ty,

3. To - geth - er we will sing, wor - ship bring,

4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us;

F F⁹ F⁷ B^badd⁹

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty. Born in love,

har - mo - ny for all to see: Just - ice and

hands and hearts out - stretched to all. Je - sus praise,

lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call. Wel - come home,

B^bm^{add}⁹ G⁹ G⁷ Gm⁷/C C⁷ D.C.

from a - bove, God's com - mu - ni - ty,

e - qui - ty, God's com - mu - ni - ty,

hearts a - blaze, lis - ten to God's call.

wel - come in, wel - come one and all.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Braden Neal's birthday by Nanny & Pappy Kinard.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all the parent volunteers who helped at the Youth Spaghetti Dinner by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Dave Strine's birthday by Don & Diane Strine.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Dave Firestone

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Sandy King; Tammy & Bronson Gordon

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Dave Bailey

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

¹Adapted from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2749/worship-connection-may-6-2018>

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³Written by the Rev. Michelle Torigian

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⁵*Thank You Jesus, Amen!* Tune: Arr. Patrick Matsikenyiri. © 1996, GBG Muiktext: Patrick Matsikenyiri. Reproduced with permission under One License A-725030.

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*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

This Little Light/This Joy I Have

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon-na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did . not give to me,

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine:
 This joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

Hal -le-lu - jah,
 Hal -le-lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

"This Little Light" continued:

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
- 3 All-through the night . . .

"This Joy I Have" continued:

- 2 This love I have . . .
- 3 This hope I have . . .
- 4 This faith I have . . .
- 5 This peace I have . . .

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune LATTIMER.

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
kha - nyen' kwen - khos', light of God. the light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are

ham - ba, ham - ba, Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
march - ing, Oo, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection Freedom Is Coming brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
South African song