



COLBERT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Joy is the serious business of heaven.*

~ C.S. Lewis

*ORDER OF WORSHIP*

**GREETING**           The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

***Come and Go With Me***

Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
There is joy, joy, joy.

2. There is peace, peace, peace.

3. There is love, love, love.

Words & Music: Traditional African American

*ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (selections from Psalm 98 and Psalm 47)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth;  
**Break out in praise and sing for joy!**

Praise Him with harp and trumpet and horn;  
clap your hands and shout to God with cries of joy!  
**Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!**

For the Lord Most High is awesome,  
**The great King over all the earth.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### ***Shout to the Lord***

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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### ***Taste and See (Psalm 34)***

I sought the Lord and He answered me, and delivered me from every fear.  
Those who look on Him are radiant; they'll never be ashamed,  
They'll never be ashamed.

This poor one cried and the Lord heard me, and saved me from my enemies.  
The Son of God surrounds His saints; He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

#### *Refrain:*

Magnify the Lord with me, come exalt His name together.  
Glorify the Lord with me, come exalt His name forever.

O taste and see that the Lord is good, O blessed is the one who hides in Him.  
O fear the Lord, O all you saints; He'll give you everything,  
He'll give you everything. (*Refrain*)

#### *Bridge:*

Let us bless the Lord every day and night,  
Never ending praise, may our incense rise.  
Let us bless the Lord every day and night,  
Never ending praise, may our incense rise. (*Refrain*)

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## ***Establish the Work Of Our Hands***

If you don't build it, we labor in vain.  
Without your Spirit, we stand with no strength.  
I know my life is passing away.  
But the works of your hands are what will remain.

Refrain: Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us:  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands.  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands.

Teach us to number the length of our days.  
Pour out your power, we'll pour out your praise.  
Teach us to run, to finish the race,  
For only what's done in love will remain. (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### ***What A Beautiful Name***

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, our King.  
What a beautiful name it is; nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great; Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, our King.

What wonderful name it is; nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You.

You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory

For You are raised to life again!

You have no rival, You have no equal;

Now and forever God, You reign.

Your is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,

Yours is the Name above all names!

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,

The name of Jesus Christ, our King.

What a powerful name it is; nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

By Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood CCLI#7068424\*\*

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### ***Joy***

By Pat Barrett and Tony Brown, CCLI#7036678\*\*

#### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Amen.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

*Children are invited to the front steps to join Director of Children's Ministry, Eliza Griffith, for an interactive reading of the sermon text.*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON: John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

*Children may be dismissed at this time for Children's Worship and will return near the end of the sermon.*

### **SECOND LESSON: Genesis 17:15-22, 21:1-7**

**17:15** God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live in your sight!" <sup>19</sup> God said, "No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. <sup>20</sup> As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But my covenant I will establish with

Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” <sup>22</sup> And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

**21:1** The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

**SERMON:** The Last Laugh

**Sermon Reflection Prompts:**

*How have you seen or experienced pure, unadulterated joy?*

*What comes to mind when you think of God as joyful?*

*What would it mean for your life to be infused with the joy and laughter of the Divine?*

Pastor Heather’s vote for the funniest of all God’s creatures:

The Blobfish



## SILENCE

*The ushers will direct the children back to their families at this time.*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### ***We Will Dance***

*Young and old alike are invited to come forward near the pulpit and Reformation Door to "dance with all your might" as an expression of joy. You may also dance from your seat, in the aisles, or in your heart.*

Sing a song of celebration; lift up a shout of praise,  
For the Bridegroom will come, the glorious One,  
And oh, we will look on His face;  
We'll go to a much better place.

Dance with all your might; lift up your hands and clap for joy.  
The time's drawing near when He will appear.  
And oh, we will stand by His side, a strong, pure, spotless bride.

**Refrain:** We will dance on the streets that are golden,  
The glorious bride, and the great Son of Man.  
From every tongue and tribe and nation we'll join in the song of the Lamb.

**Bridge:** Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near (*Echo*)  
The Risen King, our Groom, is soon to appear (*Echo*)  
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand (*Echo*)  
Lift up your voice, proclaim, the coming Lamb (*Echo*)

### **Refrain**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND 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 sins as we forgive those who  
have sinned 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.



FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**God So Loved**

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty,  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water; come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy,  
Come to the table He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness; find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated!  
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom,  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bridge

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love. (repeat)

Chorus 2

By Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash, CCLI# 7169675\*\*

**CHARGE  
BLESSING**

## THANKS TO THIS MORNING'S LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Musicians	Josh Creasey, Aaron Griffith, Jayme Koerselman, Noah Koerselman, Becky Soth
Ushers	Greg and Nancy Fahlgren
Liturgist	Children and Youth
Sound and Video Techs	Marissa Kuuskvere, Kirk Anders, Belinda Cron, Howard Cron, Bob Perry
Children's Sermon	Eliza Griffith
Pastor	Heather Thomsen Tang
Pastor	Eric Peterson

*The chancel flowers today are offered by Liz Todd to commemorate what would have been her husband Bill Todd's 80th birthday on April 27th, 2024*

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### *Special Congregational Meeting*

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting TODAY April 28<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship (around 10:45), for the purpose of electing church officers who are being recommended to you by the Nominating Committee.

### *Education Hour Today*

A couple of our Education classes (Household Habits, and Cloud of Witnesses) are canceled today because of the Congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. Book Group and the Sermon Discussion Group are planning to gather for a shorter time after the meeting.

### *“House of 49 Doors: Entries in a Life” Reading and Fundraiser*

Come celebrate Laurie Klein’s new book and support Habitat for Humanity TODAY, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Laurie will be reading portions of her book and donating a free book for each contribution made to Habitat for Humanity.

### *New Hope Resource Center*

The following items are needed and your donations are greatly appreciated: Men’s pants (size 32, 34, 36), Men’s underwear, dish soap, liquid hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels.

### *New Membership Classes*

New members class Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm,  
or Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am,  
with an option for childcare if requested.

Please use the QR code to sign up or email Heather, [heather@colbertpres.org](mailto:heather@colbertpres.org)



### Elders

Sarah Crecelius (2025)  
Josiah Hunter (2025)  
Joyce McNamee (2025)  
Lila Spotts (2025)  
Karen Anders (2026)  
Wendy Olson (2026)  
Rich Stevens (2026)  
Vacancy  
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Jack Lewis (2027)  
Walt Seidel (2027)  
Deanna Bax (2027)  
Barb Murphy

Elder for Children's Ministry  
Elder for Youth Ministry  
Elder for Fellowship  
Elder for Caregiving  
Elder for Worship  
Elder for Strategic Planning  
Elder for Stewardship/ Finance  
Elder for Outreach  
Elder for Buildings and Grounds  
Elder for Adult Ministry  
Elder for Personnel  
Elder for Mission/Social Justice  
Clerk of Session

### Deacons

Cookie Billups  
Kelsey Cook  
Margaret Dingle and Liz Todd  
Lesley Groe  
Beth and Steve Melville  
Penny and John Nelson

Lorrie Perry  
Karen Simpson  
Shelley Stevens  
Mary and Elmer Swanson  
Thereza Vahlstrom and Holly Ziegler  
*Karen Meyers-Deacon at Large*  
Vacancy

### Staff

Heather Thomsen Tang  
Eric Peterson  
Marissa Kuuskvere  
Eliza Griffith  
Josh Creasey  
Bob Olson  
Mindy Smith  
Sherry Vokoun  
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