

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*Joy is an act of resistance to despair... joy makes productive use of pain and suffering and the absurd.
While not taking any of the suffering lightly,
it's not taking the pain and suffering too seriously, making them gods.*

Dr. Willie Jennings, Yale Divinity School

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

Erica Avena

WE COME TO WORSHIP

Wonderful the fingers that anointed blind eyes,
the hands that gently touched lepers,
the arms that embraced little children.

Wonderful the smile that welcomed outcasts,
the frown that rebuked the arrogant,
the tongue that told parables of grace.

Wonderful the courage that led to Jerusalem,
the faith that agonized in Gethsemane,
the love that suffered at Golgotha.

Wonderful the lips that gave the Easter greeting,
the mercy which restored ashamed disciples,
the joy which filled them all.

Wonderful is the Savior who has brought us here today,
filled with wonder, love and praise.

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HYMN:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Stanzas 1 & 3 - Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**Mighty God,
in whom we know the power of redemption,
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
we will share in resurrection,
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.**

A WORD FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

ANTHEM

Oh, Happy Day!
Michelle Gara, soloist

Spiritual

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ray Epps

SERMON

Joy and Sadness

Erica Avena

A TIME OF PRAYER

Amie Giguere

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN:

We Shall Overcome
Stanzas 1 & 4 - Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!**

**We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we are not afraid today!**

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Ode to Joy"

James Boratko