



Order for Worship
10:00 AM, July 12, 2026

Opening Hymn #90

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to the joy divine!
- 4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **Baptism Celebration:** There will be cake and refreshments in Friendship Hall immediately after this service to celebrate today's baptisms. Everyone is welcome!
- **Nursery and Sunday School:** Nursery care is available for children age three and under throughout the worship service. Sunday School for age four through twelfth grade begins after children's time.
- **GriefShare:** A special session of GriefShare for those who are dealing with the loss of a spouse is being held on Tuesday, August 4th from 6-7:30 pm in the church parlor. If you know would like to attend, you can register at rppcusa.org/events
- **Summer Outreach Collections:** School Supplies for Gemma Services (July) and Chester Eastside (August). Requested items are: backpacks, pocket folders, composition or spiral notebooks, 12-count boxes of pencils, handheld erasers, glue sticks, boxes of colored pencils, or markers, and boxes of crayons.

- **Special Collection:** The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park is struggling to keep food on their shelves. Donations of canned beans, peanut butter, dry pasta, tomato products, canned meat, and snacks can be dropped off at 703 Lincoln Ave in Prospect Park Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm You can also donate at: delcoloavesandfishes.org.
- **Little Library:** We are seeking donations of Christian children's books and other children's books with positive messages for our little library. If you wish to donate, please place the books in the donation bin in the Friendship Hall.
- **Prayer Ministry:** All are invited to join a ministry of prayer on Wednesdays at 1pm in the parlor. We pray for our church, the world, and for individual concerns.
- **Sight and Sound** payments are now being accepted. Give cash or checks (made out to RPPC with "Joshua" on the memo line) to Sue Endriss. We have 11 tickets remaining at \$150 each for the Saturday, September 26th show, lunch at Hershey's Farm restaurant, and transportation. The bus will leave RPPC at 10 am. Sign up at the back of the sanctuary or on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Opening Prayer

Song

Praise

- 1 I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain. I'll praise when I'm sure,
Praise when I'm doubting. I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded,
'cause praise is the water my enemies drown in.

Chorus

As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to...
Praise the Lord, oh my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

- 2 I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't. I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control. 'Cause my praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound.
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down.

Chorus 2

As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to praise the Lord, oh, my soul.
How could I keep it inside? Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

Bridge (2x)

I'll praise 'cause you're sovereign, praise 'cause you reign. Praise 'cause you rose
And defeated the grave. I'll praise 'cause you're faithful, praise 'cause you're true.
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than you.

Chorus 3

Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. (2x)
I won't be quiet, my God is alive. How could I keep it inside? (3x)
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

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Song

I Thank God

- 1 Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide this weary soul, this bag of bones.
I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight. I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.

Pre-chorus

And just when I ran out of road, I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.

Chorus

*You picked me up, You turned me around and placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart, You changed my name. Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.*

- 2 I cannot deny what I've seen, got no choice but to believe. My doubts are burnin' I
Like ashes in the wind. So so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness,
You can just keep them moving; Nah, you ain't welcome here.

Pre-chorus

From now till I walk streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (8x)

Hell lost another one. I am free, I am free, I am free

Repeat Chorus

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Children's Time

Dave Knox

Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of New Member

Rachel Wright and Cheryl Zhang

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #426

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3 When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 24b-27

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

^{24b} God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Sermon: The People Puzzle

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

All the People Said Amen

- 1 You are not alone if you are lonely, when you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy; to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need.

Chorus

*And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa. And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends. And all the people said, "Amen."*

- 2 If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter. Weak or strong, you know love
Is what we're after. We're all broken but we're all in this together. God knows
We stumble and fall. And He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start.
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

All the People Said Amen (see above)