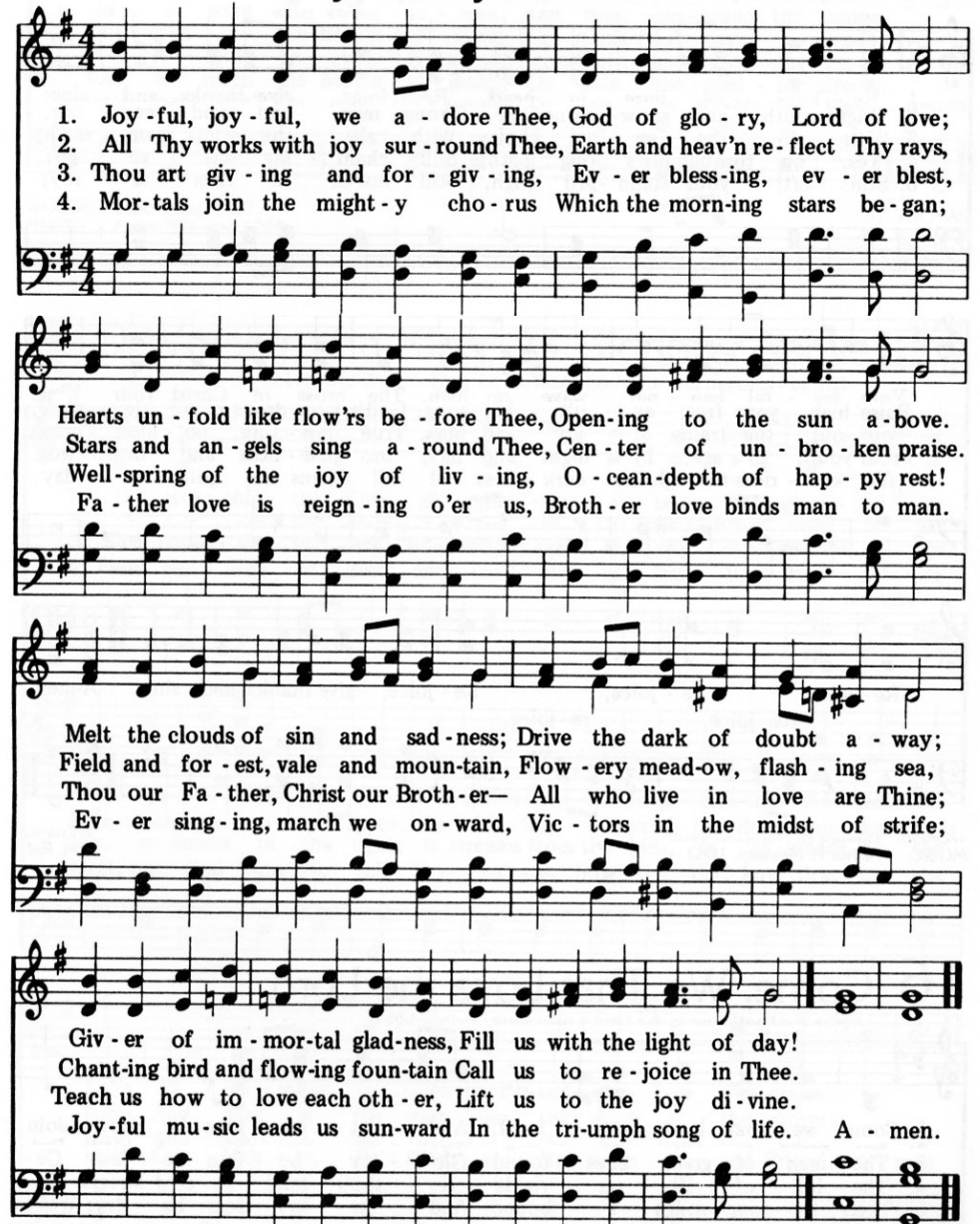


Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
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Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Faye Hipkiss
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan
Flutist	Shirley Long	Children's Church	Sonya Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter	Melanie Leedom	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Lector	Pat Strain	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Responder	Sonya Valentino	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
		Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 14



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors 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 Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

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HYMN TO JOY
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Call to Worship: **Psalm 9:1-2**

¹ I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

² I will be glad and rejoice in you;

**I will sing the praises of your name,
O Most High.**

The Old Testament Lesson: **Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14**

⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

¹⁰This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

The Response: **Psalm 85:6-13** (Responsive)

⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷ **Show us your unfailing love, LORD,
and grant us your salvation.**

⁸ I will listen to what God the LORD says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

⁹ **Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³ **Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Romans 12:11-21**

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Worship in Giving:
2 Corinthians 8:7

⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord 381

2. Teach me Thy won - drous grace, bound - less and free; Lord, let Thy
 bless - ed face shine up - on me. Heal Thou sin's ev - ery smart, dwell Thou with -
 in my heart; Grant that I nev - er part, Sav - ior, from Thee. A - men.

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord
 And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored
 And though these are days of great trials, Of famine and darkness and sword
 Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"

(CHORUS)

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
 Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
 So lift your voice; it's the year of Jubilee
 And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh
 And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise
 And these are the days of the harvest, The fields are white in the world
 And we are Your laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord

(REPEAT CHORUS)

These are the days of the Exile,
 The righteous are taking their stand
 And these are the days of your prophet, Daniel,
 Pointing us home to the Land
 And these are the days of great empires,
 Where lions are hungry, yet tame
 And these are the days of the fiery furnace,
 Where saints can endure every flame

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
 Out of Zion's hills salvation comes.

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
 For Your mercy never failed me
 All my days, I've been held in Your hands
 From the moment that I wake up
 Until I lay my head
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
 You have led me through the fire
 And in darkest night You are close like no other
 I've known You as a Father
 I've known You as a Friend
 And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah!

And all my life You have been faithful, oh
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah!

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-oh
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
 I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing
 'Cause all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
 Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide 404



1. Be not dis-mayed what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;
2. Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
3. All you may need He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
4. No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be - neath His wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
 Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.



Refrain



God will take care of you, Thro' ev - ery day, o'er all the way;



He will take care of you, God will take care of you.



WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904
 MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1904

GOD CARES
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 3: PROMOTION SUNDAY for Sunday School students

Saturday, September 9: CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

@ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

Sunday, September 10, 17, 24: CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

supporting our missionaries

Monday, September 11: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Sunday, September 24: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC following morning worship

at the Myerstown Rod & Gun Club. Please sign up to bring food.

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • canned vegetables • canned fruits
 • crackers (Saltines and other types of boxed crackers) • regular items—basically
 anything will help fill their shelves. They are serving 47 to 53 families.

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please
 send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.