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LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP SERVICE



"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Worship Series:

***"Life is Like a Stand-Up Comedy Routine.
Can I Get an Amen!"***

Sunday, October 11, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Divine Worship

WELCOME & ORIENTATION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Amen" played on chimes

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*]: ***Joy is Loose***

Naomi Martin & Norman Hazzard

Joy is loose,
In the wiggles of the children,
The whispers of the youth,
The smiles of the adults.

Can I get an AMEN?

AMEN!

We praise God for this glorious day,
Let the praise break forth
In the most unlikely places and in silly ways

Can I get an AMEN?

AMEN!

Joy and praise fills our hearts and is in our songs
Let the laughter be deep
for we are God's people.

Can I get an AMEN?

AMEN!

adapted from Trinity United Parish

OPENING SONG

Sing a Happy Alleluia!

[Sung to CWM Rhondda: For the Healing of the Nations – UMH 428]

Joan Miller, *LMUMC Music Director*

*Sing a happy alleluia,
sing it out with heart and style-
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.*

**[Refrain:] *Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!
Alleluia, everyone!***

*We're the proof of God's good humor,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly.*

Refrain

*Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children-
so is life for us enhanced.*

Refrain

*Every day sing alleluia!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!*

Refrain

*-Shirley Erena Murray
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READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41 – (CEB)

Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?"

He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

SERMON

"Even When Worship Life Can Be Funny"

Rev. Pam & The Worshipping Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: "Lord,"

People: ***"Hear our Prayers."***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**We invite you to use any other name to refer to the Divine with which you are comfortable ~ God, Father, Mother, Creator, etc.*

***Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.***

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING

Please prepare your checks for mailing, or cash for drop off at the church office while our Music Director leads us in our Thanksgiving Song.

THANKSGIVING SONG

This is the Day (UMH 657 – adapt.)

This is the day,

this is the day.

That the Lord has made,

that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,

we will rejoice,

And be glad in it,

and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RESOLVE [*Responsive*]

We believe in God, who made us in Their image.
We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Them.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.
He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
co-equal and co-eternal with the Creator and the Son.
Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our joy!
Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,
when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your
children,
when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.
**Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

- from the website of the [Charlton United Methodist Church](#) (adapt.)

SILENT PRAYER FOR CONFESSION AND HOPE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News my dear siblings: God brings joy to our lives,
even in the midst of sorrow, confusion and anxiety. The Gospels
are filled with the joy Jesus brought to the lives of all the people
who believed. That joy extends to us which we in turn extend to
others and through this grace and love the world is transformed.
**Thanks be to God for the forgiveness we receive and the laughter
we enjoy! Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go to your windows now, open them, and with joyful noise proclaim,
"Peace be with you all!" then come back!

WORD

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GRATITUDE TIMES

CLOSING SONG

Take Time to be Funny

(Sung to *"Holiness: Take Time to Be Holy"* UMH 396)

*Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.*

*1) Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.*

*2) Old Sarah and Abram - a child they lacked
But God's angels promised and she birthed Isaac
In Hebrew that's "laughter", go check if you want
Genesis Seven-teen is where it is found.*

*3) For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So, smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.*

- authorship unknown.

BENEDICTION

All raise hand, palm facing outward and wave goodbye.