



**Order of Worship for  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020,  
10:30am**

***Welcome to Worship  
at Center Church!***



CHIMES

PRELUDE

Allegro Maestoso (from "Water Music")

G. F. Handel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOCAL INTROIT

Alleluia, Amen

Come, Christians Join to Sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud Praise to God our King. Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before the throne rejoice.  
Praise is the gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN (see printed hymn at the back of this bulletin)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

NCH 4  
HYMN TO JOY

*Verses 1-3.*

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN: Mark 10:13-16 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of

God as a little child will never enter it.”<sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE II Timothy 1:5-7 (NRSV)

Reader: Margaret Sieger

<sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

MEDITATION Blessing of Parents

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

## DUET

Through the Window

R. E. Schram

*Caroline Christopher and Madison Finke, Warburton Music Interns*

Through the window, I can see you, I am playing, you are praying.

Praying for me, faithfully praying, praying for my future, praying for my friends.

Praying for our family, may those faithful prayers never end.

Through the window, I can see you, you are playing, I am praying.

Praying for you, faithfully praying, praying for your future, praying for your friends.

Praying for our family, may God's hand of blessing always be upon you guiding you, may you always follow heaven's ways.

May you grow to be like Jesus, may you live for Him all your days.

May God's hand of blessing reach unto your children's children, may they always follow heaven's ways. May they grow to be like Jesus; may they live for Him all their days.

Through the window, they will see you, they'll be playing, you'll be praying, praying for them, faithfully praying, praying for their future, praying for their friends, praying for our family, for their children's children; May those faithful prayers never end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 12:27-13:13

Reader: Margaret Sieger

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

<sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>13</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

MEDITATION Blessing of All Who Teach

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

HYMN (see printed hymn at the back of this bulletin)

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

NCH 411

PROCESSION

BLESSING

VOCAL BENEDICTION

Amen

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso (Reprise)

G. .F. Handel

*Our thanks to the everyone  
who created today's service.  
Go in peace!*

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

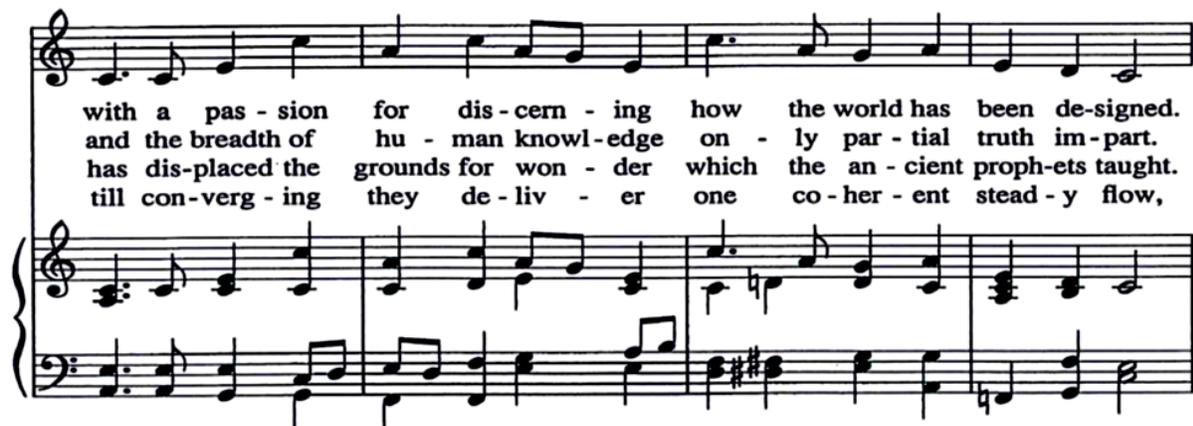
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

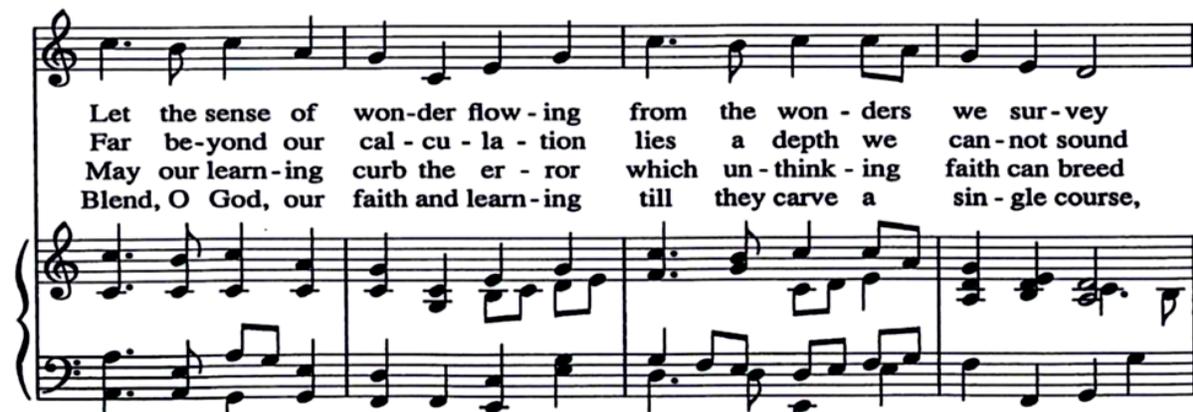
Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846



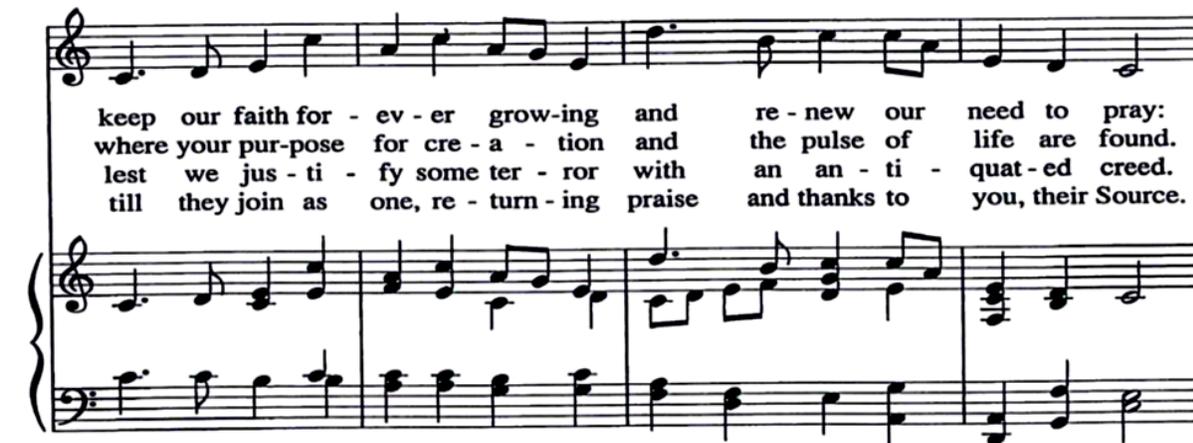
1 Praise the Source of faith and learn - ing that has sparked and stoked the mind  
 2 God of wis - dom, we ac - knowl - edge that our sci - ence and our art  
 3 May our faith re - deem the blun - der of be - liev - ing that our thought  
 4 As two cur - rents in a riv - er fight each oth - er's un - der - tow



with a pas - sion for dis - cern - ing how the world has been de - signed.  
 and the breadth of hu - man knowl - edge on - ly par - tial truth im - part.  
 has dis - placed the grounds for won - der which the an - cient proph - ets taught.  
 till con - verg - ing they de - liv - er one co - her - ent stead - y flow,



Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the won - ders we sur - vey  
 Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tion lies a depth we can - not sound  
 May our learn - ing curb the er - ror which un - think - ing faith can breed  
 Blend, O God, our faith and learn - ing till they carve a sin - gle course,



keep our faith for - ev - er grow - ing and re - new our need to pray:  
 where your pur - pose for cre - a - tion and the pulse of life are found.  
 lest we jus - ti - fy some ter - ror with an an - ti - quat - ed creed.  
 till they join as one, re - turn - ing praise and thanks to you, their Source.