



## ONLINE Worship Resources for August 23, 2020

### Welcome

#### Opening Song "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,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever  
blessing, ever blessed, 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.

#### Opening Prayer

*We are glad to be in your presence today, O God of Jesus Christ.  
We are glad to have set aside this time to worship and praise you,  
humbled at your still-speaking voice among us.  
Speak to us, and encourage us to be ready to walk in your ways,  
to be ready to risk all for the path of justice.*

*Amen*

**Scripture Lessons**      Exodus 1: 8-2: 10  
   Romans 12: 1-8

#### Meditation

**Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

**Closing Song      “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day:  
The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne.  
Creatures that borrow life from Thee Are subject to Thy care:  
There's not a place where we can flee, But God is present there.

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**