

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS - (G) 333; all 3

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon He will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
go forth as He approaches, with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory: the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700 Tune: attr. J Michael Haydn. Church CCLI License #133103

FOREVER REIGN

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

Chorus: Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms,
the riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go. **Chorus**

My heart will sing no other name. Jesus, Jesus.
My heart will sing no other name. Jesus, Jesus. **Repeat**
Chorus 2x

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COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS (Advent 2022)

Chorus: For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You.

O Lord of life, our only hope,
Your radiance shines on all who look to You in the dark.
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts. **Chorus**

O joy above all other loves,
in You we find more than enough.
We come as we are;
O heal and restore, come light our hearts.

Chorus

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THIS IS JESUS

Night of wonder, still and silent, heaven's brilliance from above.
Light of glory pierced the darkness, mercy pierced my heart with love.

Chorus: This is Jesus, King of glory, here to rescue from the fall.
Son of God Who comes to save us, Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

O the myst'ry, who could fathom? God would leave His holy throne
for a manger, for a sinner, for us all to be His own. **Chorus**

Rejoice, He is with us. Rejoice, hope is here.
Rejoice, He is with us. Rejoice, hope is here. **Repeat**
Chorus

For the hearts so prone to wander, for these feet so quick to flee,
God is here and love is reaching for the lost and least of these.

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HOW GREAT OUR JOY! - (B) 144; all 4
While by the sheep we watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain: Men: How great our Joy!
Women: Great our joy!
Men: Joy, joy, joy,
Women: Joy, joy, joy!
Men: Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Women: Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a Child today. **Refrain**

There shall the Child lie in a stall,
this Child who shall redeem us all. **Refrain**

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill. **Refrain**
Text: Traditional German carol Tune: Traditional German Melody arranged by Hugo Jungst.
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GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE - (G) 355; all 3
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today,
Man and beast before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!
Text: German/Latin tr. John M. Neale Tune: German 14th Cent. Church CCLI License #133103

Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service
Sunday, December 11th, 2022
10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
*Opening Song of Praise
"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" (G) 333; all 3
*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another
*Song of Praise and Adoration
"Forever Reign"
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy – Joey Dugo & Arend Vander Helm
Song of Advent
"Come Light Our Hearts"
(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)

Children's Message
Choir: *"Love Came Gently"*
Pastoral Prayer
Offering: Modesto Gospel Mission
*Song of Preparation

"This Is Jesus"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Text: Jeremiah 33:7-16 (p. 787); Luke 2:8-16 (pp. 1018-1019)
Sermon: **"Great Joy"**
Prayer of Application
*Song of Application
"How Great Our Joy" (B) 144; all 4

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction
*Doxology
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (G) 355; all 3
*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen
Organ: Kevin Tazelaar **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas
***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue songbooks under pews**