

**Order for the Worship of God**  
**October 11, 2020**  
**19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: God looks from heaven upon the children of earth to see whether there are any wise enough to seek the fellowship of God.

**People: By faith, may Christ live within our hearts, that we may be rooted and grounded in love and filled with all the fullness of God.**

Leader: When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, the people of faith shall rejoice, and the whole church be glad.

**People: We bow down before the Father of Christ Jesus, from whom every family on earth is named.**

Leader: To God be all the glory, in the church and in Christ Jesus.

**People: Throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Wo soll ich fliehen hin”  
*whither shall I go from thy spirit?*  
*Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*  
— Psalm 139:7

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #365

(*stanzas 1,3,4*)

“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice”

MARION

**God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God’s might!  
Borne up by truth and righteousness, God’s throne is our delight.**

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

**False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride,  
But cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side. *Refrain***

**The radiance of God’s light beams joy into our days;  
now filled with God’s own peace and love,  
our hearts resound with praise. *Refrain***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**Lord, confession is not an easy thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their emptiness for our lives. Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope to your hurting world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

VOLUNTARY

“Do Lord, Remember Me”

arr. Susan T. Sylvester

Handbell Quartet:

Stephanie Carson, Linda Feller, Pam Wood, Robert Wood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #629

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

ST. AGNES

*(stanzas 1,3,4,5)*

**Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

**O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!**

**But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show.  
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.**

**Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 32:1-6; 11-14 (NRSV)  
Ephesians 3:14-19 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now  
#4 “Being Rooted and Grounded in Love”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #134

“Joy to the World!”

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Joy to the World”

Michael Burkhardt

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

## 134

## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH

CM with repeat

(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

# God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! 365

(Psalm 97)

1 God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans  
 2 God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment  
 3 False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness  
 4 The ra - diance of God's light beams joy in -

shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righ - teous - ness, God's  
 swift and just; the e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's  
 of our pride, but can - not touch the faith - ful ones, for  
 to our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our

*Refrain*

throne is our de - light.  
 foes are brought to dust. Re - joice! Re -  
 God stands at our side.  
 hearts re - sound with praise.

Re - joice!

joice! God reigns! Let earth re - joice!

Re - joice!

The theme of rejoicing that unites Psalm 97 is fittingly emphasized here by the refrain that ties together these four stanzas. Instead of the intimacy with God celebrated in other psalms, the primary concern here is to proclaim God's power over all false gods that tempt us.

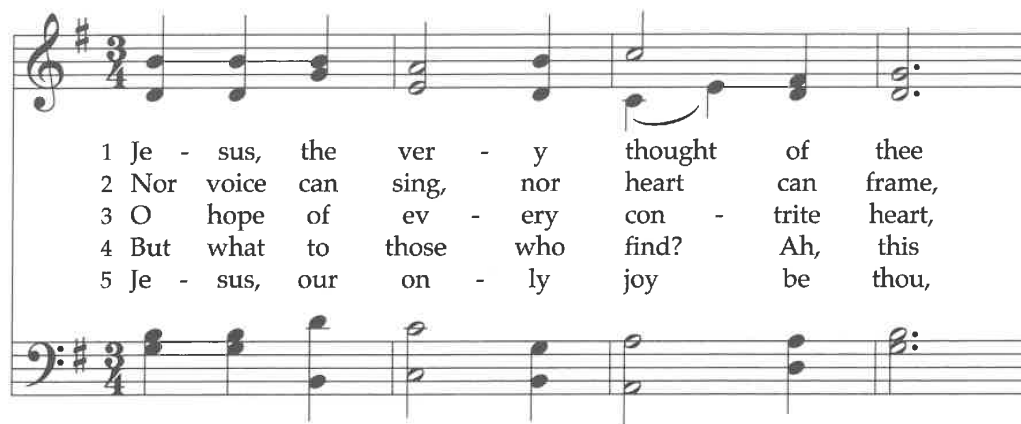
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MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

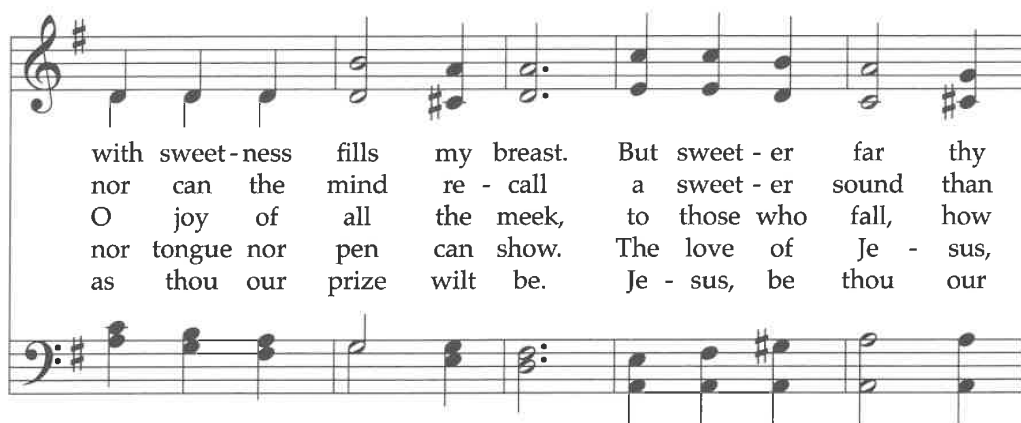
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MARION  
SM with refrain

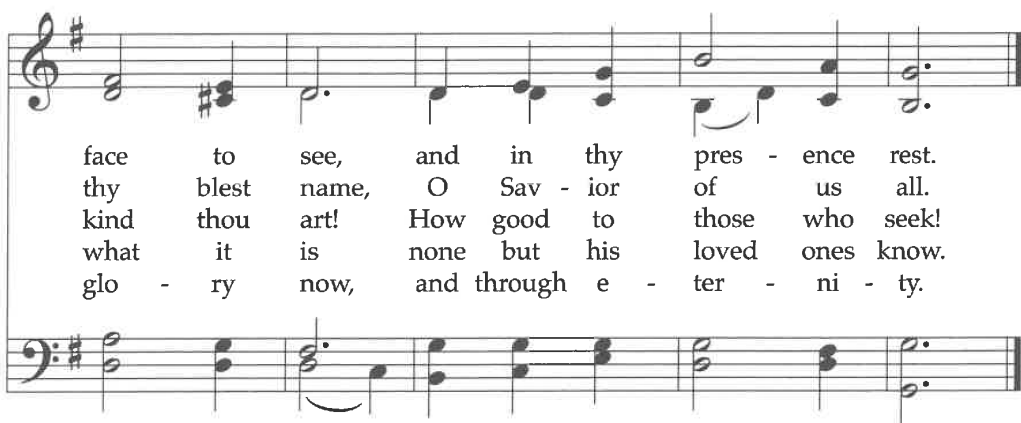
# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,



with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our



face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.