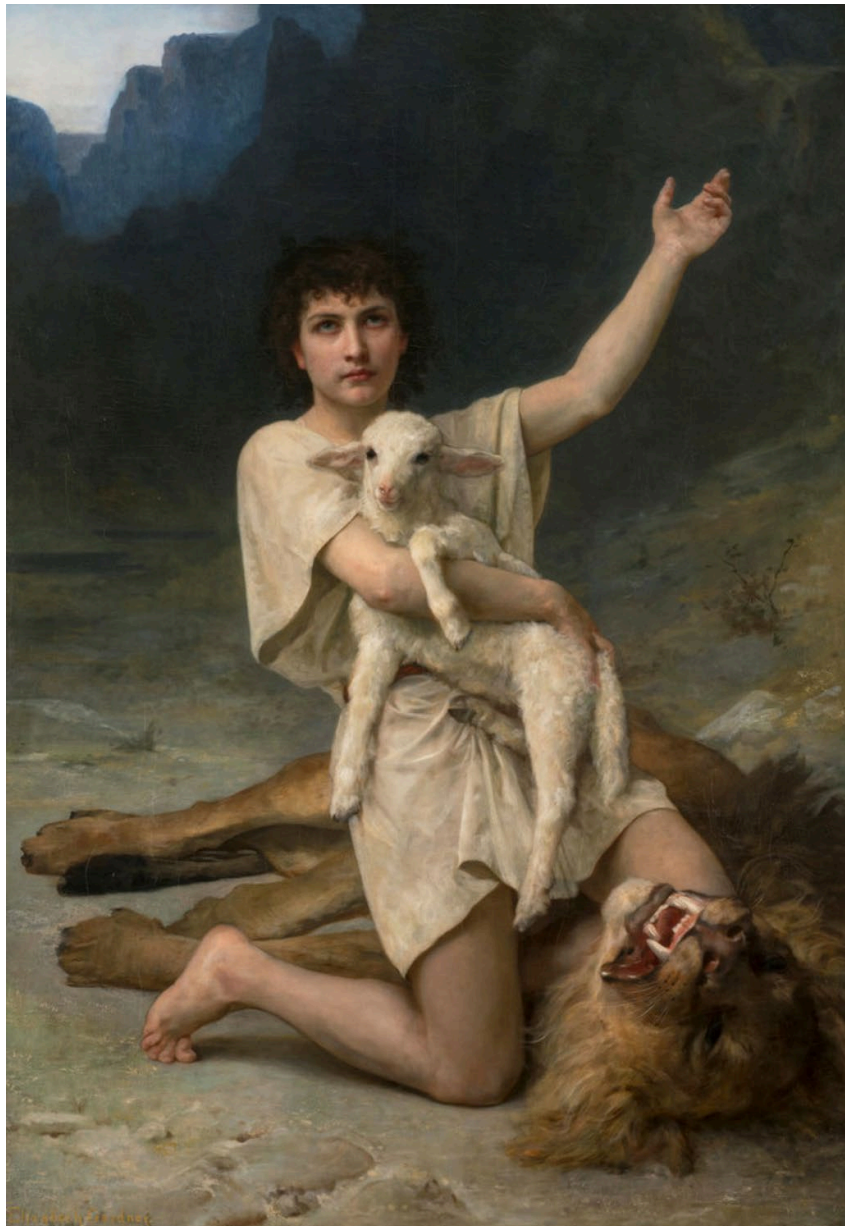

April 21, 2024



Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here

Change of Pace Service: 9:00 a.m.

Chapel Communion: 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

~ Hearing assistance devices are located in the back entrance area of the church ~

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Darcy Crain
Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

Prelude Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann
Timothy Huth, organ

* **Gathering Hymn** “We Gather Together”

NCH #421

* **Call to Worship**

Betty Bishop

One: Come, bless the Lord who guides us, whose wise teaching directs our days.

Many: **Who focuses and refreshes our minds at night; whose presence sustains and surrounds us here.**

One: We bless the Lord who is present among us.

Many: **We will not be shaken or live in fear, but will sing God’s praise and worship with joy!**

One: Let us pray:

* **Prayer of Invocation** **God, who shelters and encourages, equip us for the battles of life. When we desire armor, open our ears for understanding. When we want to argue, remind us there is nothing holy about being right. May we lead and live in the light of your wisdom, praying together:**

* **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.**

* **Gloria Patri** *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.*

New Member Sunday Travis Bollenbacher and Monica Brancheau
Bo Bunnell and Siri Ibarguen
Jillian Diwan
Richard Lord and Sue Jeffers
Christine Martinez

Congregation Welcome We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. Let us work, serve, and journey forward together, striving to create a supportive community of people committed to loving the world created by our loving God. As we receive you as new members of our church, may the blessing of God be with you all, now and always.

(Kidz 0-8th grade are invited downstairs.)

Passing of the Peace Please turn and greet your neighbor.

Give, Share, Rejoice

Offertory Sentences Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

Offertory Music An April Day Florence Price
Maitri White, soprano
Joshua Marzan, piano

* **Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

* **Hymn of Preparation** "You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim" NCH #305

We Grow in Our Faith

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 7:8-11, 16

Sermon "David: King" Rev. Darcy Crain

Solo Some o' These Days Florence Price
Maitri White, soprano
Joshua Marzan, piano

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

* Parting Hymn	"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"	NCH #303
Charge and Benediction		Rev. Darcy Crain
Postlude	All' Offertorio	Domenico Zipoli Timothy Huth, organ

* Congregation standing. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.

The service flowers this morning from Jean and John Cares are dedicated "To our new members."

Your help is needed! The Nominating Committee is working to fill open positions on various boards and committees. This year, we're looking for talented and dedicated individuals to join us as Deacons. We anticipate a significant turnover, which means your contribution is critical. You should have received time and talent forms along with the Stewardship mailing. Please take a moment to review them and think about how you can help. You can complete the forms online by clicking the "Time and Talent Form" button in the Tuesday email. Your support will make a real difference in our community! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with either.

Rick Muhs at rickenmuhs@comcast.net, 734-730-1749 or
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Family Camp:

It's time to register for Family Camp! Register by Friday, April 26, for a fantastic weekend with FCC at Tower Hill Camp on Lake Michigan. Enjoy root beer making, challenge courses, campfires, and more. The suggested contribution is \$75/adult and \$50/child. Payment is not required for participation. Email office@fccannarbor.org to register.

THANKSGIVING

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We Gather Together

Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century

Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894

Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

- 1 We gath-er to-geth-er
to ask for God's bless-ing,
to live in com-mu-ni-ty,
seek-ing God's will.
We come now, as sis-ters
and broth-ers, con-fess-ing
the sins that di-vide
and the wrong in us still.
- 2 Be-side us, for-giv-ing,
en-a-bling, sus-tain-ing,
you call us, O Sav-ior,
to life that is new.
You draw us a-way
from self-cen-tered com-plain-ing.
You lead us and guide us
in ways that are true.
- 3 All praise to the Spir-it,
pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.
You of-fer us free-dom,
to fol-low or stray,
Em-pow-er-ing all by
the hope you en-gen-der.
Grant wis-dom and cour-age
to fol-low your way.

The original text of this hymn was one of thanksgiving for The Netherlands' independence from Spanish domination in the sixteenth century. It has been reinterpreted for contemporary congregations by United Church of Christ minister and writer Lavon Bayler.

Tune: KREMSEK 12.11.12.11.
16th-century Dutch melody
Arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

305 You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

Rev. 4:9-11; 5:11-14

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim,
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:
 and still God is nigh, whose pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

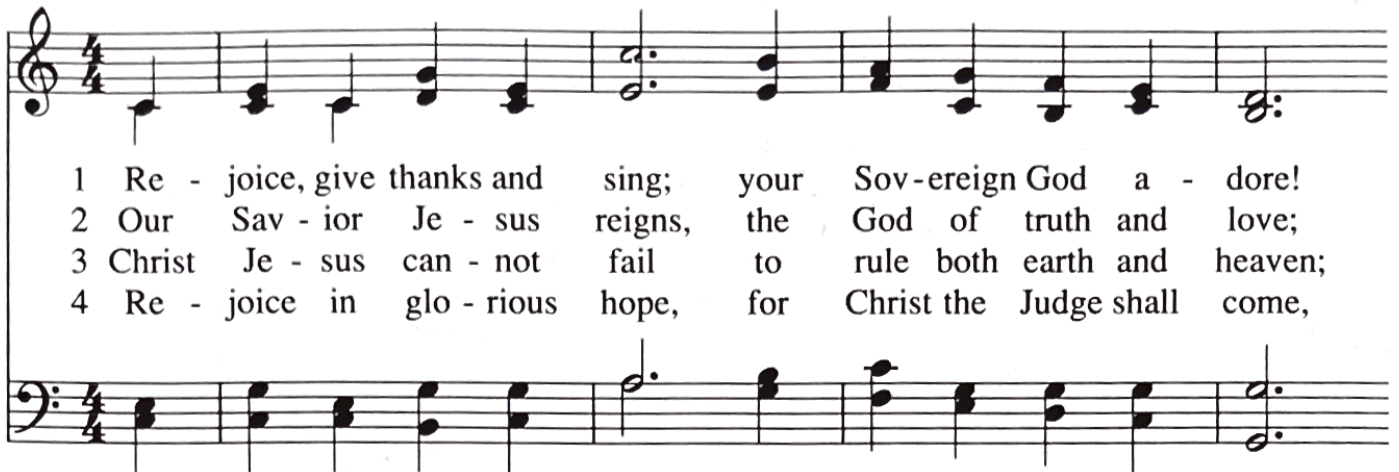
The name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 All hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.
 still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fin - ite love.

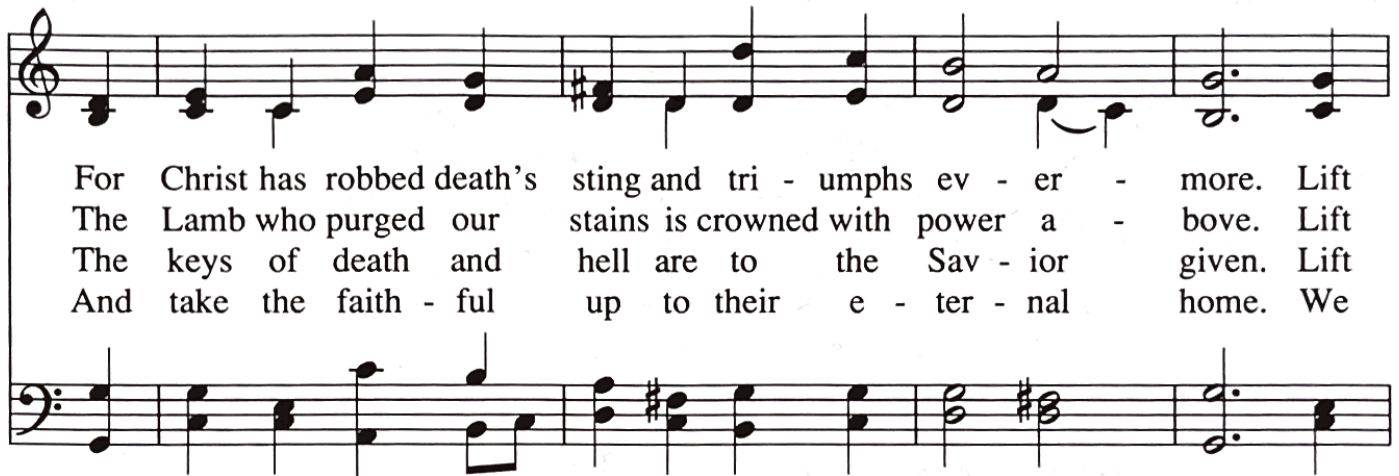
Written at a time of anti-Methodist sentiment, this hymn was included in Charles Wesley's Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution. The tune is attributed to William Croft, composer at England's Chapel Royal and organist at Westminster Abbey.

Tune: HANOVER 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to William Croft, 1708

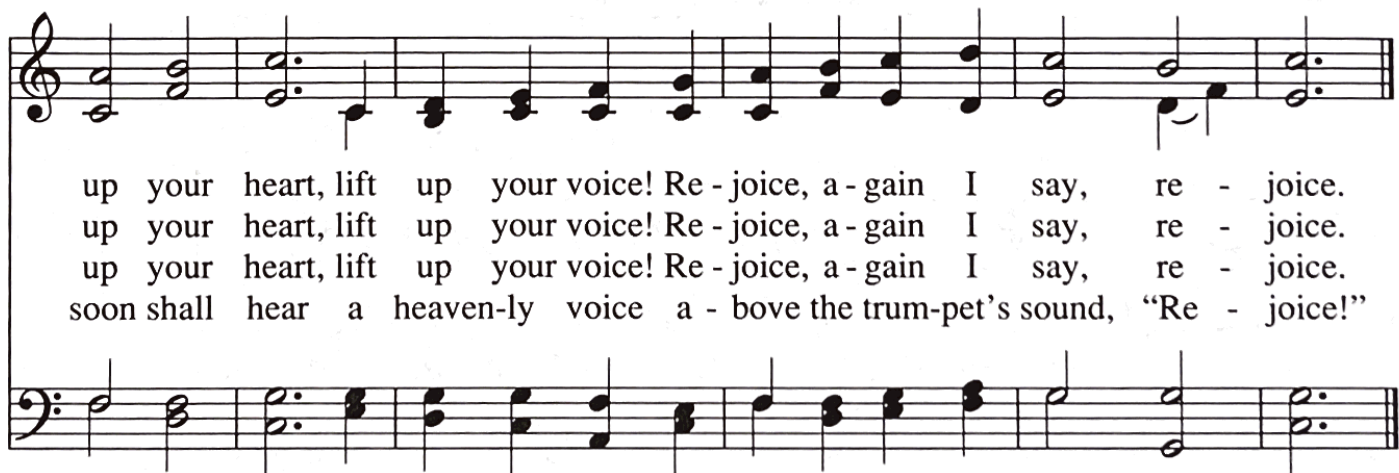
Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

*Phil. 4:4; Rev. 3:7; 19:6-7**Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.*


1 Re - joice, give thanks and sing; your Sov-ereign God a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 Christ Je - sus can - not fail to rule both earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,



For Christ has robbed death's sting and tri - umphs ev - er - more. Lift
 The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power a - bove. Lift
 The keys of death and hell are to the Sav - ior given. Lift
 And take the faith - ful up to their e - ter - nal home. We



up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 soon shall hear a heaven-ly voice a - bove the trum-pet's sound, "Re - joice!"

This Ascension text, one of the festival hymns by Charles Wesley, was published originally in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems (1744). Somewhat altered, it appeared in this familiar version in Charles' 1746 collection, Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

Sunday, April 21st - New Member Sunday

8:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. New Member Sunday, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. New Member Reception, Pilgrim Hall

Sunday, April 28th

8:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Meeting Room
11:15 a.m. BOCE Meeting, Mayflower Room

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

04/22 4:00 p.m. Anne Lamott Brown Bag Dinner – Pilgrim Hall
04/22 7:00 p.m. Anne Lamott at Michigan Theater
04/23 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Series - Hybrid
04/24 9:00 a.m. Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Diner
04/25 4:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting - Hybrid
04/27 10:00 a.m. Yoga at FCC – Pilgrim Hall
04/30 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Series - Hybrid
05/01 9:00 a.m. Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Diner
05/01 10:15 a.m. Mind & Spirit – Mayflower Room
05/01 5:00 p.m. Missions & Outreach Meeting - Hybrid
05/01 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner – Pilgrim Hall

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