

Our Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 ~ 10:30

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+This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Life of the Church Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary Come, Christians, Join to Sing Chancel Ringers

arr. Jason W. Krug

Opening of the Bible and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Caroline and Maddie Quinley

+Call to Worship Ryan Quinley

The eternal Parent, who loved us and set us free from our sins,

who loves us still with that love that will not let us go,

and who will love us forever, calls us to worship her as the only true lover of our souls.

God stoops to receive the love of our poor hearts.

God call us to remember the depth of her love for us in Christ.

God seeks our love!

+Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

(See p. 3 of this Worship Guide)

Prayer of Praise (Inspired by John 15:1-8)

Phil Maxwell

Oh God, we turn our gaze toward you today.

We remember the ways in which you have been faithfully abiding with us.

And yet we confess the ways that we fall short of drawing near to you.

We try to find fulfillment in so many places and ways, yet we always come up short.

We forget that you are the true vine, the source of all that brings us life.

You make our joy complete and our lives abundant!

We turn our gaze, once again, toward you today,

asking that you would nourish and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

You are the vine and we are the branches. May we be people who abide in you and whose lives are marked by the fruit of your Love.

Karen Marrolli

Love, come down when the road is paved with grief and pain abounds.

Love, come down. When all is lost, assure us we are found.

When the cold winds wail and defenses fail,

help us find the strength to know light will prevail.

Love, come down when the world is clothed in loss, in sorrow crowned.

Love, come down. Let us hear your voice and rise to greet the sound.

When our souls cry out, all but crushed by doubt,

send your gentle breeze to calm the noise without.

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy lame bestowing.

Love, come down when all has come unraveled and unwound.

Love, come down. Help us stand secure upon the trembling ground.

Now we call on you: let your light break through.

Help us find the strength to greet the day anew.

Guide us toward the path to journey home to you.

And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

Prayer of the People Krissi Vandagriff

+Hymn 558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

Epistle Reading 1 John 4:7-21 Alton Lacey

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Matt Vandagriff

+Hymn We Are One in the Spirit ST. BRENDAN

(See p. 7 of Supplementary Worship Booklet)

Offertory It Is Well with My Soul Chancel Ringers

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say: "It is well, it is well, with my soul." (further text for meditation can be found in pew hymnal—hymn 519)

+Passing of the Peace Kyle Damron

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

+Closing Hymn

Christ is Alive!

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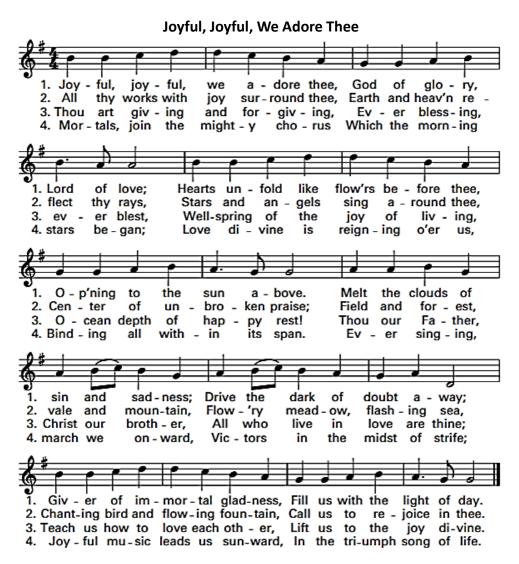
(See p. 17 of Supplementary Worship Booklet)

Benediction Matt Vandagriff

Postlude Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Julia Matthews

arr. John Leavitt



Coming Up in the Life of KBC



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

AND LUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 LUNCH 11:30 MEETING 12:00



APRIL

PASTA AND RICE



Deacon Moninations

Due to a timeline error, we will need to hold a special called business meeting after worship on Sunday, May 5 to vote on the slate of deacon nominees for the 2024-2025 year. You can find the list of nominees in last Thursday's edition of The Kindler.



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