

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
to Christ the Lord are given:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Julie Shelton

Recessional on "Hymn to Joy" Matthew Corl

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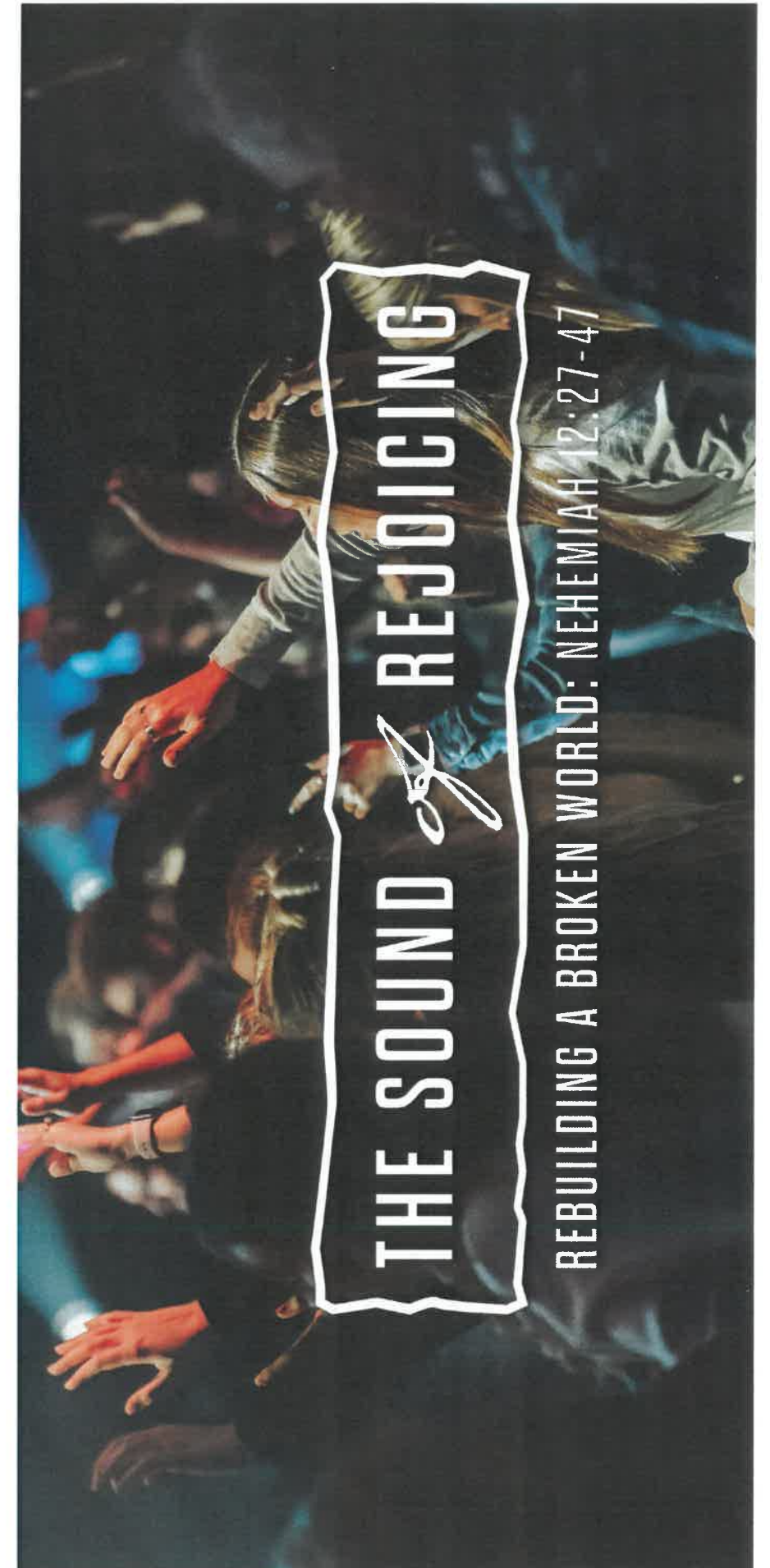
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Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude

Patty Corfman and Julie Shelton

Cornet Voluntary George Berg

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people;
God is a refuge for us.

People: God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.

Leader: God is good and in God's work we find our strength.

People: We sing of all God's wonders! We rejoice!
We give thanks and praise to the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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!

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,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring 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.

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession

Mary Jo Oliver 8:30

Chris Dorsch 10:00

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing.
Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are hoarding when we could be generous and doubting when we should rely on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care, and silent when we should be rejoicing. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and remind us to rejoice in all things. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Prayers of the People

Mary Jo Oliver

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. John Morris

Offertory

Pastorale Charles Wesley

Patty Corfman and Julie Shelton

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Mike Schneider 8:30

Philippians 4:4-9

Jan Watsell 10:00

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests
to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever
is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think
about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or
heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.
And the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Second Hymn

Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
praise him, shining stars of light.

Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.

Second Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 12:27-47

At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. The musicians also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem—from the villages of the Netophathites, from Beth Gilgal, and from the area of Geba and Azmaveth, for the musicians had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem. When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall.

I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate. Hoshaiiah and half the leaders of Judah followed them, along with Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, as well as some priests with trumpets, and also Zechariah son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zakkur, the son of Asaph, and his associates—Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah and Hanani—with musical instruments prescribed by David the man of God. Ezra the teacher of the Law led the procession. At the Fountain Gate they continued directly up the steps of the City of David on the ascent to the wall and passed above the site of David's palace to the Water Gate on the east.

The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people—past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, over the Gate of Ephraim, the Jeshanah Gate, the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate. At the Gate of the Guard they stopped.

The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials, as well as the priests—Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah and Hananiah with their trumpets—and also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malkijah, Elam and Ezer. The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah. And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

Sermon

The Sound of Rejoicing

The Rev. Peter Larson