

# SECOND SUNDAY *of* EASTER

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Watch live: <https://youtu.be/JMROXnuDxgg>

## PRELUDE

*Alleluia* from *Esultate Jubilate*, K.165 - W.A. Mozart, arr. Lynne Latham

Melissa Macy, Violin - Emma Schmiedecke, Cello

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

## WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

## CALL *to* WORSHIP

We worship in the Easter light,

**for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.**

Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

**"My Lord and my God!"**

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

## PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

PSALTER READING – Psalm 133 – Anita Hutton

MUSICAL OFFERING - *Meditation* from *Thaïs* - Jules Massenet, arr. Lynne Latham

Melissa Macy, Violin - Emma Schmiedecke, Cello

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

GOSPEL READING – John 20:19-31 – Anita Hutton

Sermon - *Not One to Settle for a Second-Hand Faith*

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

## OFFERING INVITATION

**Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,  
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,  
or mail check to the church. Thank you!**



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## PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:

**By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the church. Keep us faithful in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, walking in the light of his life and love, proclaiming the good news he has revealed.

**By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the world. Enable the families of the earth to live together in harmony and justice, in unity and peace, so that all may know your blessing of abundant life.

**By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for our communities. Protect us from selfishness, and teach us to care for one another. Inspire us to share generously and to work for the common good, so that no one is lacking life's necessities, such as food, shelter and adequate healthcare.

**By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones. Be present to all who need to know that you are near. Encourage those who struggle with doubt or despair. Breathe among us with the power of your peace.

Protect those who are called to serve and protect. Guard the health of healthcare workers. Offer your comfort to all who are grieving and all who are struggling as the result of the pandemic.

Come to the aid of children who struggle in school,  
and bless those who teach them with patience, insight and skill.

**By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world the good news of your saving power and love, so that all may believe and have life in you; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### BENEDICTION *and* POSTLUDE

Hornpipe from *Water Music* – G.F. Handel  
Melissa Macy, Violin - Emma Schmiedecke, Cello  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

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### POST WORSHIP LIVE STREAM

*(For those in the sanctuary, you can watch at home on our website or Facebook.)*

HYMN – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The*

Joshua LeRose, Tenor & Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

MUSICAL OFFERING – *Jesus is Lord* – arr. Ratcliff

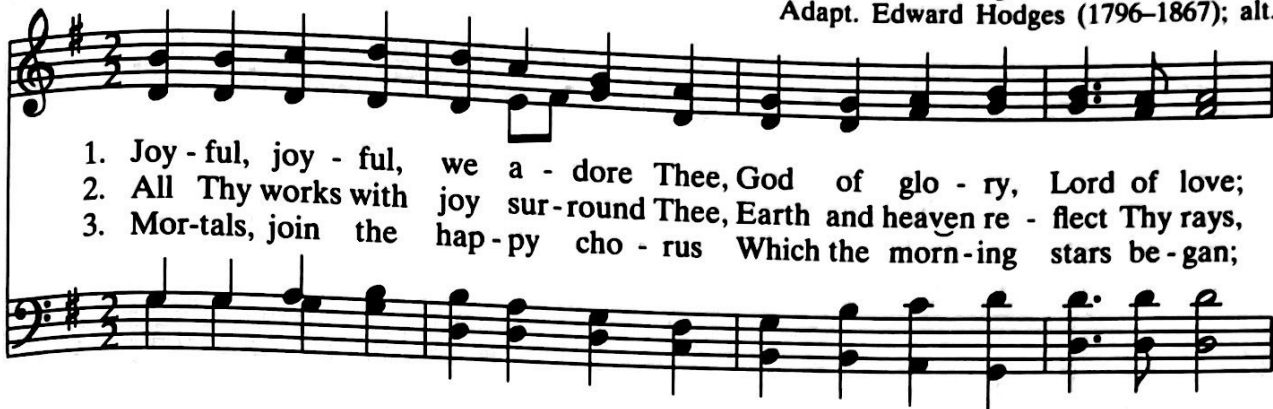
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## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

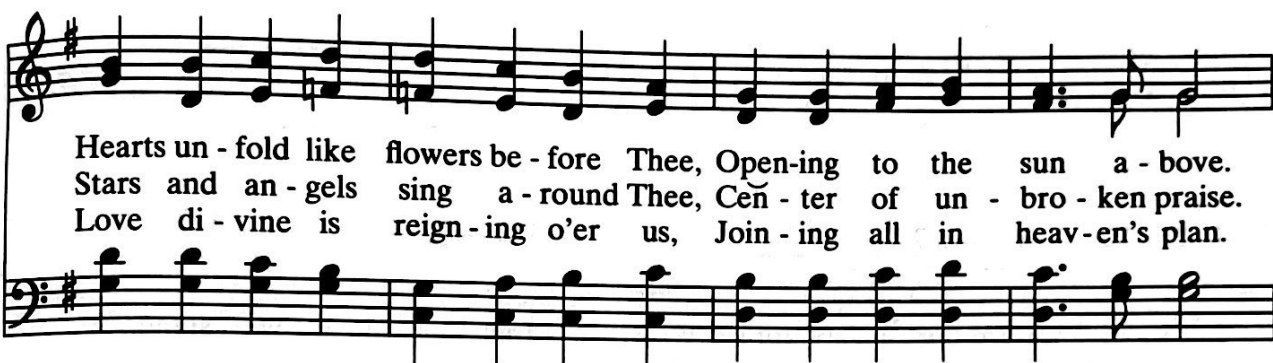
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Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.


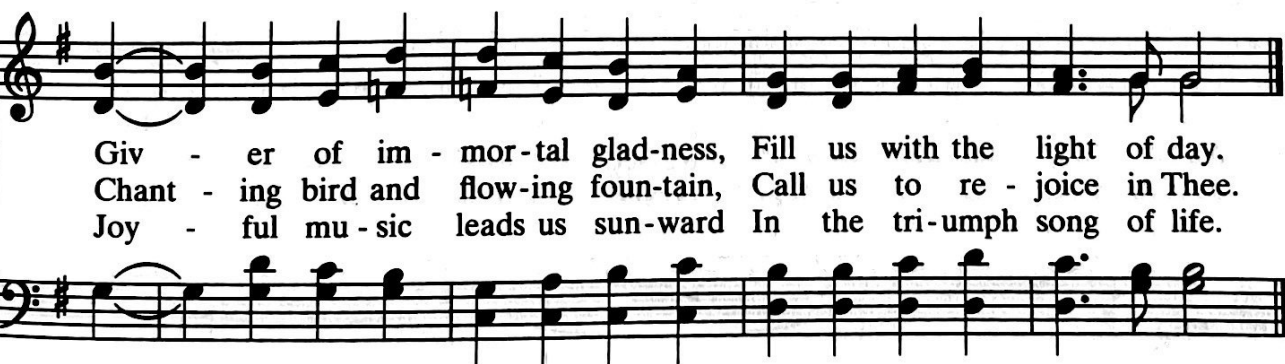
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.