



Union Presbyterian Church

Holy Humor Sunday

April 11, 2021 | 10 AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

This Shaker melody was adapted by the hymn writer in 1963 for this retelling of the life of Christ.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

If You're Happy & You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet

If you're happy and you know it, shout, "Amen" (Amen!)
If you're happy and you know it, shout, "Amen" (Amen!)
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, shout, "Amen" (Amen!)

If you're happy and you know it, do all three.
If you're happy and you know it, do all three.
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, do all three.

*Call to Worship

People of God, sing praise! Give thanks to his holy name!
You have turned our mourning into joyful dancing.
You have taken away our funeral clothes, and clothed us with joy instead,
so that we might sing praises to you and not be silent!
O Lord, our God, we will give you thanks forever!

*Hymn 157 (v.4,5)

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

Chorus

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

This Holy Humor hymn embraces Christmas joy with a familiar tune while sharing the miracle of Easter.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Chorus]

***Prayer of Praise**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(Silent prayers of confession)*

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy; and we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria

God Bless You, Merry Sinner

GOD REST YOU MERRY

God bless you merry sinner, you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Savior has lived and died for you,
and lives again as King of Kings, of saint and sinner, too.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

So sing an alleluia, for our Savior's victory,
and shout to all "Hosanna!" that we have been set free
from sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity.
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.

Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Engage

Special Music

Undignified
David Crowder Band

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:4

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***Song**

Give to Us Laughter

SLANE

**Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife!
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.**

**Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.**

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

***Song**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

**While soldiers watched the gravesite that quiet Sunday dawn
there came a big commotion and then the storm was gone.**

Chorus

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus is alive.**

**Go from where Jesus isn't to where he said he'd be.
An Easter-time reunion on the hills of Galilee. [Chorus]**

***Charge and Benediction**

**Go out from this time and persevere in the faith. Love with intention.
Be Christ's church. Practice radical hospitality. Celebrate others.
May the grace of God fill your days so that you cannot help
but respond to all of life with audacious joy!**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Spencer Zembrodt & Cheryl Martinez, Accompanists
Spirit led disciples, Liturgists

Our 2021 benediction is adapted
from one written by Michelle
Thomas-Bush for d365.org.

Our worship does not end with
the postlude, but continues out
into the world, where we are sent
to love and care for God's people

Birthdays

April 13 Ellie Fry, Lori Ruwe
 April 14 Ollie Seidman
 April 16 Dave Stenner
 April 17 Ken Kenkel, Jacque Sherwood,
 Trevor Stenner

Prayers

Holly Hillman, Brian Fry, Cheryl Martinez,
 Nick & Sue Bosse, Judy Evans, Jim Detwiler,
 Sue McEntyre

Anniversary

April 11 Russ & JoAnna Houchins

Thank you for your incredible generosity, and our ministry partners' needs! You have met many of the needs of our ministry partners. Now we need boy's new or gently used shoes sized kid's 11, 12, 13, and adult 1. Our partners need individual fruit cups, individual applesauce cups, individual mac & cheese, boxes of mac & cheese, and individual cups of mac & cheese. We continue to need \$15 Kroger gift cards.

Please pray for our leaders as our deacons and elders prepare for a joint meeting to discern the Spirit's leading as we move forward to more in-person gatherings. We are in uncharted territory, and our leaders are committed to stewarding public health. None of us have been here. Our leaders are doing the best they can without a blueprint. (Pastor Lisa's comment: Give our officers LOTS of encouragement. They are AWESOME!)

SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Lisa Stenner

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