



First United Methodist Church of Orange

Faith

Hope

Love

APRIL 28, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

THE ENTRY

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.**

LEADER: Our God is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PEOPLE: **Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness!**

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal #89

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring 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.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

***PRAYER**

Almighty and everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
You created us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.

**Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
and no weakness from doing it.**

**In your light may we see life clearly
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit, Three in One.

As it was in the beginning; as it is and ever shall be;
now and evermore shall be; world without end, Amen!

World without end, Amen!

***GREETING**

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SONG

Thy Word is a Lamp

Hymnal #601 (refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

LEADER: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

PEOPLE: **All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

PEOPLE: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

PEOPLE: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!**

LEADER: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it!

PEOPLE: **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.
The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

New Revised Standard Version

1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. **7** It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to

face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

Doing Life Together

Rev. Donna Nelson

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

Hymnal #473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #95

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

*HYMN

The Gift of Love

Hymnal #408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

SENDING FORTH

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind blow at your back,
may the sun shine warmly on your face.

May the rain fall softly on your home
and until we meet again, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE



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