

COMMUNION

Come and receive of the feast that Jesus offers those who follow him. During this time, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and are nourished by his Body that was broken on the cross for us and Blood that was poured out for the sins of many. There are also members of the congregation and Prayer Team available for prayer along the back wall during and after communion.

PSALM 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us O Lord, restore us O Lord

Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sewing
The seeds of your kingdom
for the day you will reap them

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WARDELL

Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sew weeping
will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say "He has done great things"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us O Lord, restore us O Lord

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THOMAS/MAINZER

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<p>Come enjoy Fall Fun at the Gathering Church on 10/26. Following the service there will be activities everyone will enjoy: fall food, pie eating contest, b-ball contests, games, and more!! Be sure to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join in the fun!</p> <p>This coming Friday, 10/24, it is The Gathering Church's turn to prepare and serve lunch at the Interfaith Council Kitchen. Hours are 9:30a to 12:30p. Come for all or part of that time. Contact Sheana Funkhouser sheana@nc.rr.com, 919.593.0695.</p> <p>The next retreat for Marked Men for Christ is coming up on Nov. 7-9. Visit www.markedmenforchrist.org/ to register and for more information. Contact Sandro Pinheiro: sandro.pinheiro@duke.edu.</p> <p>Participate in the Inaugural Gathering Church Talent Show! Have a talent you've been itching to share? Interested in just helping put on a show? Be a part of the Gathering Church Talent Show, 11/15 at the Carrboro ArtsCenter. Email Jeff Crawford at jeff@allgather.org to volunteer to help or find out how to submit your audition.</p> <p>Kids will begin practicing for the 2014 Children's Christmas Performance during church on Sunday, 11/2. Please contact Anne Summach with any questions or for additional information (annesummach@hotmail.com).</p> <p>Fill out a blue card to receive our church-wide midweek email keeping you abreast of news and opportunities.</p>	<p>Office at Hamilton Centre 1415 W NC54 Ste 114 Durham, NC 27707</p> <p>p919.797.2884 f919.908.1171</p> <p>@allgather @markacuff #seriousjoygc</p> <p>Access a password-protected Church Directory at: www.allgather.org/info/directory/</p>	<p>Ways to continue to worship through giving:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays. (2) By automating a draft through your bank. (3) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516. (4) Online through Paypal.

October 19, 2014
Psalm 103:1-5 | Nehemiah 8:1-12



Colorful Thoughts, by Osnat

Serious Joy

"Joy is the serious business of heaven."
-C. S. Lewis

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JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

VAN DYKE/BEETHOVEN

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

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

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
 Singing bird and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in thee

Mortals, join the happy chorus
 Which the morning stars began
 Father love is reigning o'er us
 Brother love binds man to man
 Ever singing, march we onward
 Victors in the midst of strife
 Joyful music leads us sunward
 In the triumph song of life

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is growing in doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

PRAISE HIM

CROCKER/FINOCCHIO

To the amazing One, to the unchanging One
 To him the anthem raise, lift up your hymns of praise

See now the risen One, see the exalted Son
 To him the anthem raise, lift up your hymns of praise

For all the things he's done, for all the things to come
 To him the anthem raise, lift up a shout of

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Praise him with all of the music
 Praise him in all of the nations
 Praise him with all of creation
 We praise him, we praise him

Praise him with all of your heart sing
 Praise him in this generation
 Jesus the light of salvation
 We praise him, we praise him

We praise him, we praise him, we praise him

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HOLY IS THE LORD

TOMLIN/GIGLIO

We stand and lift up our hands
 For the joy of the Lord is our strength
 We bow down and worship him now
 How great, how awesome is he
 And together we sing, everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God almighty
 The earth is filled with his glory
 Holy is the Lord God almighty
 The earth is filled with his glory
 The earth is filled with his glory

It's rising up all around
 It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
 It's rising up all around
 It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Holy is the Lord God almighty
 The earth is filled with his glory
 Holy is the Lord God almighty
 The earth is filled with his glory
 The earth is filled with his glory

And together we sing
 Everyone sing

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LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

WESLEY/ZUNDEL

Love divine, all loves excelling
 Joy of heaven to earth come down
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling
 All thy faithful mercies crown
 Jesus, thou art all compassion
 Pure unbounded love thou art
 Visit us with thy salvation
 Enter every trembling heart

Come, almighty to deliver
 Let us all thy life receive
 Suddenly return and never
 Never more thy temples leave
 Thee we would be always blessing
 Serve thee as thy hosts above
 Pray and praise thee without ceasing
 Glory in thy perfect love

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast
 Let us all in thee inherit
 Let us find that second rest
 Take away our bent to sinning
 Alpha and Omega be
 End of faith, as its beginning
 Set our hearts at liberty

Finish, then, thy new creation
 Pure and spotless let us be
 Let us see thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in thee
 Changed from glory into glory
 Till in heaven we take our place
 Till we cast our crowns before thee
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise

Words by Charles Wesley (1747) Music "Beecher" by John Zundel (1870) – Public Domain

DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you do not know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace. As the kids leave, please fill in the two center seating areas. There are bibles available for use on the back table if you didn't bring one.

#seriousjoygc

SERMON NOTES

[Something I have learned.] [Something I will share.]