



*The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

**Prelude**

*No Other Name*

**Gathering**—God answers when we call, gives relief in our distress, offers mercy, and hears our prayers. Let us shout for joy and bring our praise to our most wondrous God.

**Gathering Song**

*This Is the Day, 652*

**A Time of Prayer**—God, the source of all joy, we come to you in this time of worship to praise your name. We pray that your light shines upon us as we gather together as your church, here in this place, at home, wherever it is we worship this day. We give you thanks that you have called us together as one body, your church, to do your work of love and care in this world.

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)—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.

**Bell Choir**

*A Jubilant Peal*

**Exploring God's Word for All Ages**

*Joy, Joy, Joy*

**We Hear God's Word**

*Psalms 4 (NIV)*

Answer me when I call to you,  
my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my  
prayer.

<sup>2</sup>How long will you people turn my  
glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and  
seek false gods? *Selah*

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD has set apart his  
faithful servant for himself;

the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble and do not sin;

when you are on your beds,

search your hearts and be silent. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup>Offer the sacrifices of the righteous  
and trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”

Let the light of your face shine on us.

<sup>7</sup> Fill my heart with joy

when their grain and new wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)*

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **Meditation**

*Essential Joy*

## **Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, 59*

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—We come before God as joyful givers. We bring our offerings as an act of worship and as a sign of our commitment to your work.

**October Benevolence**—Global Ministries

**Special Offering**—Neighbors in Need

## **Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—God, we offer to you these sacrificial gifts in gratitude and joy. Use these gifts, O Holy One, as you work through this church to carry out the mission you have given us to serve and enrich the community around us, in this church family, in our neighborhood, and in the world.

Amen.

## **Hymn**

*How Can I Keep from Singing, 424*

**Benediction**—Knowing the love of our Savior offers to us inexpressible and glorious joy. Go forth from this place with joy in your hearts, joy that is abundant, joy that shines bright, joy that reminds others that there is more to this life than meets the eye. With joy, go forth to serve and enrich. Amen.

## **Postlude**