

**WORDS TO PONDER:** There is an Apache myth of the Creator giving human beings the ability to talk, to run, and to look, but that wasn't enough, so then we were given the ability to laugh. Only then did the Creator say, "Now you are fit to live." (Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat)

**GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE** "Holy, Holy, Holy" **Michael Turner**  
**Janee Trotman, Erica Blyther**

**WORDS OF WELCOME | \*PASSING OF THE PEACE** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Philippians 4:4)** **Barbara Anderson**

Rejoice in God always  
**and again we say rejoice!**  
Rejoice in Jesus always  
**and again we say rejoice!**  
Rejoice in the Holy Spirit always  
**And again we say rejoice!**

**OPENING SONG** **Christians, We Are Made for Laughter**  
by Jo Cassidy-Maloney  
(Tune: Hymn to Joy, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

**Christians, we are made for laughter, born to giggle and guffaw!**  
**Even in the great hereafter mirth is interspersed with awe.**  
**So don't hold back, let it fill you, let your muscles do their thing!**  
**Don't you worry, we won't drill you! Just let go and laugh and sing.**

**This is how our great God made us – faces, lungs, and hearts for glee**  
**And it's how God would parade us, showing forth most joyously**  
**All the love and all the gladness, such a great capacity**  
**For the joy that drives all sadness out of every you and me.**

**We are people with a Savior who was not above a joke,**  
**Play with words was his behavior, he loved puns with all the folk.**  
**Joy Christ showed us, joy Christ showers everywhere on everyone**  
**Turn your face up like the flowers, catch the joy and have some fun!**

**LITANY OF FORGIVENESS** **Barbara Anderson**

We believe in God, and we have been made in god's image.  
**We live, we love, and we laugh, because we are like that God.**  
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and our Savior.  
**Jesus had the last laugh on the devil when he rose from the dead.**  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Creator and the Son.

**Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - Jesus is our joy!  
Please, forgive us, great God, 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. Amen.**

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

(Written by Rev. Robert M. Thompson)

<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	<b>"When It Rains It Pours"</b>	<b>Rev. Ann Hayman</b>
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<b>"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"</b>	<b>Michael Turner</b>
<b>PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION</b>		<b>Barbara Anderson</b>
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Psalm 78:23-29</b>	<b>Barbara Anderson</b>
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>"What Grumbling Gets Us" Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</b>	<b>Rev. Ann Hayman</b>

### **WORDS OF FAITH AND REJOICING: 10 Ways to RE-joyce in the RE-surrection**

To be read responsively:

- 1. RE-Joice...** Jesus is Risen... Indeed!
- 2. RE-Fresh...** our bodies by sound sleep and good eats!
- 3. RE-New...** acquaintances and habits of health and hope!
- 4. RE-Deem...** know that we are loved forever by a really great God!
- 5. RE-View...** our past lumps and bumps... and know we're forgiven!
- 6. RE-Late...** talk and listen closely to those around us!
- 7. RE-Store...** "unto me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)
- 8. RE-Vive...** our faith through the Word and Sacraments!
- 9. RE-Focus...** on all the great gifts God has given us!
- 10. RE-Member...** those special people around us! **AMEN.**

(written by Dr. Rich Bimler, Itasca, IL)

<b>THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>	<b>Elder Glenn Johnson   Rev. Ann Hayman</b>
<b>Words of Invitation</b>	
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Words of Institution</b>	
<b>Sharing the Elements ("Let us Break Bread Together")</b>	

*The bread is eaten as it is passed. We drink the cup together after all have received it.*

**Unison Prayer following Communion**

**You have poured out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ, the bread of heaven, broken to feed a hungry world, so that we may become one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Merciful Creator, Bread of Heaven, Spirit of Love, we praise your righteous holy, eternal, name. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYERS and The Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**THE OFFERING**

**Call to Giving**

**Barbara Anderson**

**Offertory**

**“What Shall I Render”**

**Michael Turner**

**+Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above all heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Barbara Anderson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Barbara Anderson**

**CLOSING SONG**

**“Come, Let us Laugh”**

by Jo Cassaday-Maloney

(Tune: Italian Hymn, “Come, Thou Almighty King”)

**Come let us laugh, pray, and sing! We have been given everything.**

**This is our chance – we can let it all hang out,  
Never more have a doubt, giggle and snort and shout  
It's time to dance!**

**Jesus is raised from the dead, this is word we just have to spread!**

**Now is the time – let it in waves just roll,  
Try not to take control, don't sound too meek or droll  
Like bells we'll chime!**

**Life has been turned around, death conquered, grace abounds**

**Our God is great! We have been freed from fear,  
Grinning from ear to ear, wiping away each tear  
Weeping can wait!**

**This is the day to rejoice! Give every child of God a voice.**

**Everyone hear! We've been redeemed and blessed  
To care about the rest. Joy is our lasting guest  
Year after year.**

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**POSTLUDE**

**“God Be With You Until We Meet Again!”**

**Michael Turner**