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Rejoice Forever In Creation

The Days Are Surly Coming Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



Pastor: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Men: The old order is gone,

All: everything is new!

Pastor: Illness, disease and crying and mourning,

Women: shall be as a distant memory!

Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated!

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Gloria Patri

p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

Opening Hymn – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading #1 – Isaian 12 (NRSVue)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

C: ² **Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."**

L: ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

C: ⁴ **And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD; call on**

his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

L: ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

C: ⁶ **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

Hymn – Stand By Me

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Old Testament Reading #2 – Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSVue)

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Sermon – Rejoice Forever In Creation

Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon

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Benediction & Commission

Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation. Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning November 17, 2025

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalm 46
- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 23:33-43

Announcements

- **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** - The church decorating day will be Monday, November 24th starting at 9 AM. Please join us for this most festive of occasions as we turn the church into a beautiful Christmas tribute to Christ. All help will be appreciated as there will be something doable for everyone, not to mention the fellowship and maybe even a tasty treat or two.
- The Union UMC Administrative Board will meet on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the last regular board meeting of 2025.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances V. Gough by Peggy Willard.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

David Joyner

Charles Kurfees

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Ronnie Mudd

Jay D. Pevette

Vivian Royal

Hal Seats

Phillip Seats

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Jeremy Wilson

Savannah Wooten

November Birthdays

David Disher	3	Rodney Horne	23
Lynn Gough Horne	15	Barbara Hutchins	23
Angela Luck	18	Jake Disher	25
Franklin Dalton	19	Landon Pellington	27
Carolyn Disher	21	Reece Matthews	28

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen!

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?