



Donelson Heights United Methodist Church
November 15, 2020
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Nikki Rehberg



Prelude "Simple Gifts" setting by Wilbur Held

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

People: Delight in God's goodness!

Leader: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

People: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

People: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!

by Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8508/new-worship-connection-november-19-2017>

Opening Prayer

God, our kind and loving Father, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

—from *Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration*

Posted <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/opening-prayer-matthew-25-14-30.html>

Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH 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.

Scripture

Psalm 78:1-7

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Regina Hall

Prayers of the People

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Anthem	“Revelation Song” Zach Richards	by Kari Jobe
Sermon Text	Matthew 25:14-30	Rev. Regina Hall
Sermon	“Enter Into The Joy”	Rev. Regina Hall
Closing Hymn	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”	FWS 2153
	1. I’m gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I’m gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord,) anytime! (anytime!)	
	2. I’m gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I’m gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord,) anytime! (anytime!)	
	3. I’m gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I’m gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord,) anytime! (anytime!)	
	4. I’m gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!) I’m gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord,) anytime! (anytime!)	
Benediction		Rev. Regina Hall
Postlude	“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”	by Peter C. Lutkin

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