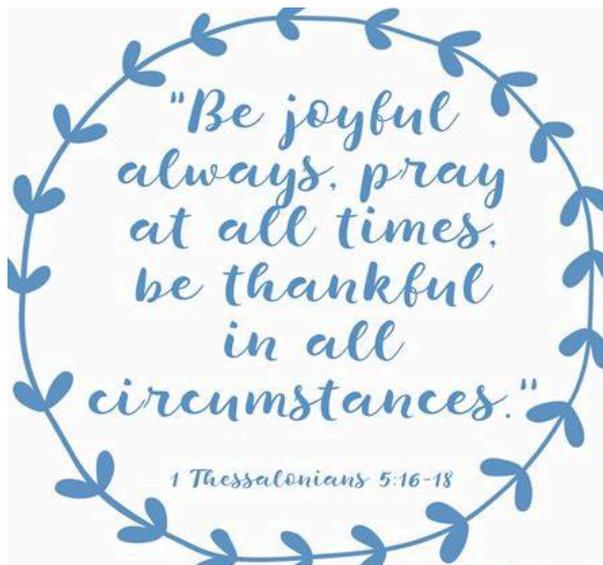


Scripture Theme for 2024: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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May 5, 2024- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

***We are pleased that you are worshipping
with us either on Face book Live or in
the Sanctuary.***

*Congregation, please stand if able

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

***Point to Ponder: Being a Christian is not easy; however, it is not
complicated***

***OPENING HYMN**

No. 67

"We Thy People Praise Thee"

WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY

Rudy Hyde

Pastor: We are here to give thanks to our risen Lord this holy day.

People: We are here to continue to celebrate the good news of Easter day.

Pastor: Today we celebrate anew the wondrous hope and joyous promise of new life lived in the presence of our risen Lord.

People: Now in our worship we celebrate with great thanksgiving and join together in songs and hymns of praise and adoration.

Pastor: Let us worship a God of surprises!

People: Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's startling good news once again and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor: Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our faith is all too often anemic and shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play.

People: We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures.

Pastor: Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust.

People: Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear.

A moment of silence your personal prayer of confession

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

TFWS 2160

"Into My Heart"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Wonder-working God, use all of who we are, and all of what we have, to uproot what is unjust, and plant what is loving. Through our gifts, speak your

gospel to people we may never meet. May all come to hear your call to prophetic living. In the name of the Resurrected One. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE FOR MAY

Psalm 73: 26

*My Flesh & My Heart May fail,
But God is the Strength of my Heart &
My Portion Forever.*

Psalm 73:26

EPISTLE

Yvette Cortez

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!*

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

“Mere Christianity”

HYMN OF PREPARATION

TFWS 2265

“Time Now to Gather”

HOLY COMMUNION

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*SENDING FORTH HYMN

No. 568

“Christ for the World We Sing”

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Fix our steps, O Lord, that we may not stagger at the uneven motions of the world,

People: Let us steadily go on to our glorious home, neither censuring our journey by the weather we meet with, nor turning out of the way for anything that befalls us.

Pastor: In the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of
you**

John Wesley

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn