

# HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

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## GETTING TOGETHER

♪ **Prelude** · Toni DiCapua

♪ **Gathering Song**

*If You're Happy and You Know It*

See page 5

**Call to Laughter** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Joy is loose,

**People: in the wiggles of the children,**

Leader: the whispers of the youth,

**People: the smiles of the adults.**

Leader: We praise God for this glorious day,

**People: let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places  
and in silly ways.**

Leader: Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs.

**People: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.**

\* ♪ **First Song** · Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 464

## SIDLING UP TO GOD

**Confession is Good for the Soul** (in unison)

**You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down, ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

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## Getting a Lift

Leader: The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us!

**People: Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with laughter. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **“Peace Out” to Each Other**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome Y'all and Newsie Stuff, All in Good Fun!

Rev. Renée Rico with Don and Linda Pollard

## GOD'S HUMOROUS WORD AMONG US

### First Word from the Good Book

Psalm 126 (pg. 967)

### **A Song From Singers** · Chancel Choir

*Hilariter ... 17<sup>th</sup> Century German; Now Sing We Joyfully unto God ...*

Gordon Young

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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### Second Word from the Good Book

Genesis 18:1-15 (pg. 24)

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**A Bit of Wisdom and Fun** · The Rev. Renée Rico  
**"Got Humor?"**

## THE "SO WHAT" PART OF THE SERVICE

- \* 🎵 **Another Song** · I Danced in the Morning  
No. 302

**Straight Talk about Gettin' and Givin'**

🎵 **Another Song** · Leland Morine  
*You Still Believe in Me ...* Ragan Courtney

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Apostle's Creed* (See page 8)

*Words of Institution*

*The Bread and Cup Shared*

**We Pray Some More**

Including the Lord's Prayer

- \* 🎵 **Last Song** · God Bless You Merry Sinner  
See page 9

- \* **A Big Send Out with Blessing and Action**

- \* 🎵 **The People Sing One More Time** · He's Got the  
Whole World in His Hands  
See page 10

🎵 **Some Final Music** · Toni DiCapua