

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

GETTING TOGETHER

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter
Partita on Hymn to Joy ... Charles Callahan

- * ♪ **Gathering Song** · If You're Happy and You Know It
See page 7 of bulletin.

Call to Laughter (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Now, our mourning becomes dancing by God's gracious love.

People: Our sobs become belly laughs, and new songs are written from our sighs.

Leader: The punchline sat in the grave's shadows,

People: until God played the best joke ever on life.

Leader: So, break into laughter, fill the room with giggles,

People: may our joy sound like April Fool's noisemakers!

Leader: Come, stoic old folks and snickering kids, come, all you curmudgeons and worriers.

**People: We join the God who laughs with us,
Who raised Jesus with a wink and a grin,
Welcoming everyone to joy everlasting!**

- * ♪ **First Song** · Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
No. 464



"The pastor keeps referring to 'this morning's text'...but which one?!"

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SIDLING UP TO GOD

Everybody Prays (in unison)

Gracious and giggling God, we confess that sometimes we take ourselves too seriously. We walk through life stiff with worry, grim with guilt, and frowning with fear. We forget that you created laughter, and that joy is a fruit of your Spirit. Forgive us for putting a lid on your joy, for muting your music, and for walking around like the resurrection never happened. Remind us that Easter is the world's biggest surprise party, and we're all invited. Tickle our hearts with your grace, nudge us with your mercy, and teach us to live with eyes wide open for holy hilarity. In the name of the Risen One who laughed in the face of death.

Getting a Lift

Leader: Here's the good news: God doesn't hold a grudge—God holds us. Christ didn't come to scold us—he came to save us, to shake us out of our sorrow, and to set loose joy in our hearts like confetti in the wind. So laugh, dance, rejoice—

**People: for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

*  Gloria Patri

No. 579

* “Peace Out” to Each Other

Leader: The peace and joy of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome Y'all and Newsie Stuff

Helping God's Work · Gigi MacLeod

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GOD'S HUMOROUS WORD AMONG US

First Word from the Good Book · Gigi MacLeod
Job 8:19-22 (pg. 798)

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

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing... Gordon Young
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

Second Word from the Good Book

Luke 15:23-24 (pg. 1624)

A Bit of Wisdom and Fun · The Rev. Renée Rico
"Lighter Moments"

THE "SO WHAT" PART OF THE SERVICE

* ♪ **Another Song** · I Danced in the Morning
No. 302

Straight Talk about Gettin' and Givin'

Call for Offering

♪ Offertory

Ornamented Chorale on Hymn to Joy ... Charles
Callahan

* ♪ **Doxology**


No. 592

* **Prayer of Dedication**


We Pray Some More


Including the Lord's Prayer (sung)

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- *  **Last Song** · What a Wonderful World
See insert.

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

- *  **The People Sing One More Time**
Go Now in Peace
(inside cover of hymnal)

-  **Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter
Joyful Joyful ... Diane Bish