



Jesus Laughing from The Chosen

**Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.**

Rev. 3:20

Laughter Sunday!

April 14, 2024

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PRELUDE

I Saw the Light

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Joy is loose,

All: In the wiggles of the children,

Leader: the whispers of the youth,

All: the smiles of the adults.

Leader: we praise God for this glorious day,

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

Leader: Joy and praise fill our hearts and our songs,

All: let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

***HYMN**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, God, the grace to see ourselves as others see us - creatures of your making: wholly loved.

Awaken us to your presence in the smiles and glances of those we meet. Shape our hearts to delight in the gifts of each and every day. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven; rise and walk.”

Forgiveness is an unlocked door to walk through into a wide-whoopee-open world.

Forgiveness is a seed to water with new dreams and wild risks until it bears unexpected fruit.

Forgiveness is an enemy-friend to be born out of a quietness beneath the clamor.

Forgiveness is a flower to smell, a wind at my back, a gull to scream with, a pain to laugh beneath, a burden that carries me.

It is I becoming We becoming Yours.

Forgiveness is a song to sing.

O Lord, unlock the door of my heart.

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:36-48 Common English Bible

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and

the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

MESSAGE *Unlock the Door of Our Heart*

ANTHEM *The Joy of the Lord*

PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY *Give Thanks*

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2***

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thank you God, for the joy you have given us which bubbles over into laughter and fun! Thank you for renewing our joy. We pray that you will use these, our gifts, to bring joy to all the world. We pray in the name of the risen Lord, Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Give To Us Laughter

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BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

Lord, grant us a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor.

Please give us the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day.

Teach us to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension.

Let love be our guide, and our life a prayer.

Go in laughter; go in grace.

Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

***Please join us as we continue our worship with food and conversation in
fellowship hall***

Confirmation Class

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ANNOUNCEMENTS April 14, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 15th ~ 21st

Monday April 15th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday April 16th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study The Lord's Prayer @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday April 17th

Bible Study on Prayer @ 12pm (BYOL)

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday April 18th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study A Disciples Path @ 7pm in the Pastor's office.

Friday April 19th

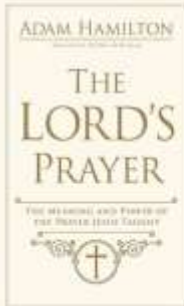
Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday April 20th

Worship @ 10am

New Tuesday Night Bible Study

Join us at 7pm beginning April 16th



Pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know -and really pray- the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.

This video based study has 6 sessions. You are welcome to purchase Adam Hamilton's book but it is not required.

We meet in person and on Zoom!
In person we gather in the pastor's office.

On Zoom:
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