



Worship Service for April 24, 2022 Holy Humor Sunday

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Jeff Mechler
Centering Moment	Video
Congregational Song	Congregation

"I've Got the Joy In My Heart"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,

(Where?)

Down in my heart!

(Where?)

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,

(Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy,

So very happy,

I've got the joy of Jesus in my heart,

(Down in my heart,)

And I'm so happy, so very happy,

I've got the joy of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the peace that passes understanding,

Down in my heart,
(Where?)

Down in my heart.
(Where?)

Down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart,
(Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy,
So very happy,
I've got the peace of Jesus in my heart,
(Down in my heart,)
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the peace of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
(Where?)

Down in my heart!
(Where?)

Down in my heart
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
(Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy,
So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,

(Down in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: The God of love and ladybugs be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LEADER: Children of joy, open your hearts to God.

ALL: God fills us with laughter and wonder.

LEADER: Sing your praises in love and joy.

**ALL: With banjos and bagpipes,
with snare drums and saxophones,
we will praise the One who is filled with laughter.**

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

Psalm 126:1-3

When God restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Reflection

Video

Hymn

Congregation

“Coffee, Coffee, Coffee” to the tune “Holy Holy Holy”

Coffee, coffee, coffee,
 Praise the strength of coffee,
 Early in the morn we rise
 With thoughts of thee,
 Served fresh or reheated,
 Dark by thee defeated,
 Brewed black by perk or
 Drip or instantly.

Coffee the communion
 Of our blessed Union.
 Symbol of our sacred ground,
 Our one necessity.
 Feel the holy power
 At our coffee hour,
 Brewed black by perk or
 Drip or instantly.

Pastoral Prayer

Matthew Allen

Unison Prayer

Matthew Allen

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

**ALL: For those who love us because of our quirks,
not just in spite of them,**

LEADER: For our church which overflows with kindness.

ALL: We give you thanks, O God.

LEADER: Giver of laughter and hope,

**ALL: We dedicate this offering to your work with a
joyful heart.**

Hymn

Congregation

“Give To Us Laughter” *to the tune “Be Now My Vision”*

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife!
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth. (1)

Give to us laughter, a sign of deep joy.
Let us in laughing find Christian employ.
Joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
Laughing and praising and sharing delights. (2)

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
Laughter with tears brings us healing relief!
God, give us laughter, And God, give us peace,
Joy of your promise among us increase.

Benediction

Jeff Mechler

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! # 196 "Let It Shine" (chorus 2x)

Let it shine, let it shine,
The light of the world that shows the way;
Let it shine, let it shine,
And show us peace today.

Let it shine, let it shine,
The light of the world that shows the way;
Let it shine, let it shine,
And show us peace today.

Postlude

Marshall Davies