



HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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 Website: Hayward UMC.org Ministers: Congregation

Sunday, May 16, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*\*Please stand as you are able*

HYMN SING

- 2146 vs 1 *His Eye is on the Sparrow*
- 2282 vs 1 *I'll Fly Away*
- 2284 vs 1 *Joy in the Morning*

GREETING & WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us celebrate the God who calls us friends.  
**Let us sing songs of joy, for great is God's faithfulness to us.**

Let us live lives of generous love in honor of the love given to us.  
**Let us walk in freedom because the hand of God embraces our life. Parent, Child, Holy Spirit, we, your friends, have come to worship you.**

\*HYMN 617 *I Come With Joy*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**We who are the branches call upon you, the Holy Vine, the source of breath and vision and hope, to nourish and to strengthen us through our time together this morning. Let us blossom! Prune our worldly ambitions, our petty faults, and our lifeless aims, that we may live joyfully and bear fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

REFLECTIONS

*Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy*  
*The Joy of the Lord is my Strength*

\*THE WORD John 15:9-11; 16:19-22  
 "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you.

**Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete."**

"Jesus knew they wanted to ask him, so he said, "Are you trying to find out from each other what I meant when I said, 'Soon you won't see me, and soon after that you will see me'? I assure you that you will cry and lament, and the world will be happy. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

**When a woman gives birth, she has pain because her time has come. But when the child is born, she no longer remembers her distress because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. In the same way, you have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and you will be overjoyed. No one takes away your joy."**

Response to Scripture

Liturgist: The words of Holy Scripture.  
 Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

LIVING THE WORD "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength"

\*HYMN 2140 *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

*Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer*  
*The Lord's Prayer*

OFFERING

\* Song of Praise 2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise  
 We bring the Sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord,  
 We bring the Sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
 And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
 And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

\*Prayer of Consecration

**As your friends, Jesus, we give generously for God's work in the world. We bring our gifts with confidence to you, Holy God. Give to us the wisdom and kindness that we need in planning for their use, so that your justice may be spread in ever-widening circles. Amen.**

\*HYMN 246 *Joy to the World*

\*ANTICIPATING TOMORROW The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace (Tomatoes?)  
John 14:25-29

\*BLESSING

\*SUNG BENEDICTION ~ *You are invited to join hands and sing:*

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.**

**May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving,**

**Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

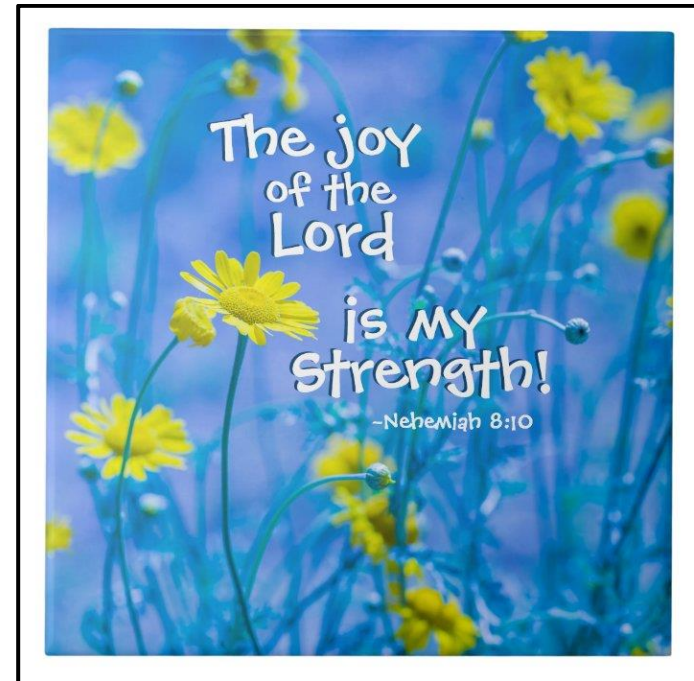
**IN MINISTRY TODAY:**

Usher: Jim Roth      Music Leader: Shirley Anderson  
Liturgist: Donna Allsup      Church Secretary: Carol Heinrich  
Musician: Carol Heinrich  
Tech: Peggy Stewart  
John Isenhardt Jr.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

May 19 11:00AM Bible Study  
20 10:30AM Can We Talk About \_\_\_\_\_?  
21 10:00AM Worship: In Person & Online  
4:30 PM Ruby's Pantry

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# Fruit of the Spirit: Joy/Melons

