



*The Wedding, Jacob Lawrence 1948*

**First Congregational Church of Palo Alto  
United Church of Christ**

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”*

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 16, 2022

# Order of Worship for January 16, 2022

**Prelude**

*Largo*

Handel

**Call to Worship**

From Psalm 36

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
And you give them drink from the river of delight.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
In your light we see light.

**\*Opening Hymn #7**

*Joyful, Joyful*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Children's Story**

Pastor Dave and Clarence the Camel

**Musical Blessing #167**

*Arise, Your Light is Come!*

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.  
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.*

**Introduction to the Offering**

**Choral Anthem**

*Come Christians, Join to Sing Alleluia*  
Conducted by Nathan Wilen

Arr. Gillett

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman

Disciples' Prayer (You are invited to use the language that is most meaningful to you.)

**Our Father (Mother/Parent/Creator/Great Spirit), 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Choral Response**

## Reading of the Gospel

John 2:1-11

## Sermon

*Everybody Loves a Wedding*

Rev. Dr. David Howell

## \*Closing Hymn #363

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

## Benediction and Choral Response

## Postlude

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Clarke

\*You are invited to rise, as you are able.

## Participating in Today's Service:

Senior Pastor:

Rev. David Howell

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman

Children's Ministries Director:

Todd Erickson

Music Director:

Joe Guthrie

Liturgist:

Karen Routt

Ushers:

Mike & Sue Marianacci

Tech and A/V Support:

Ben Roberts, Steve Terry, Robert Peng, David Morrison, Chris Beer

**Ways to Give:** You can contribute financially to the church by: dropping a gift in the red box at the welcome table, mailing a check to the church address, giving online at [www.fccpa.org](http://www.fccpa.org), texting "Give 25" (or any amount you choose) to 650-459-0688, or scanning the QR code to give via PayPal.



## Happening at FCCPA

- **Backyard Sunday School** Come to the Backyard for songs, a story, and some fun together following the Children's Story today during worship!
- **Children's and Youth Choirs** will not meet today. **Cherub Choir** for children in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is on hiatus until next month.
- **Dear Barack:** After worship, former FCCPA member Claudia Clark will discuss her 2021 book, [Dear Barack](#), which explores the highs and lows of the eight year working relationship between former President Obama and former German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Claudia will join us on our Zoom worship link from her home outside Berlin.
- **Faith in Film:** This movie discussion class will meet on January 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. on the worship Zoom link. The film for discussion on January 18 is "The Power of the Dog", available on Netflix. The title comes from Psalm 22. Please see the film before coming to class. Contact [Dave Howell](#) with any questions.
- **Spring Musical Auditions:** Preparations have begun for our Spring Musical, **Danger Dan**, which will be performed in our Social Hall on April 30 and May 1. The show is open to all ages and skill levels, and everyone who would like to be in it will get a part. To be in the show, you can just email [Dave](#), and you are in! We will be holding in person auditions for those who would like to attend (but they are not required for participation). Auditions will be held for **all ages** after worship on January 16 and 23 at 11:15 in the sanctuary.

- **Civil Rights Stories:** Do you have a personal or family story about participating in the struggle for civil rights? Would you be willing to share it with our church? We're preparing a panel of church members who will share our stories of personal action, bravery, a brush with greatness, or being at the right place at the right time--all those getting in Rep. John Lewis' "Good Trouble". We're planning an initial panel after worship on 1/23/22 (the Sunday after MLK Jr Day), but there may be other opportunities to share as an oral or written history. Send a brief outline of your story to [Steve Ketchpel](#). We're especially interested in stories with a King connection from the 1960s for the January forum.
- **Confirmation 2022:** Our confirmation program for 8th graders and high school students begins with an opening retreat tomorrow. [Contact Eileen Altman](#) for more information.
- **Fair Trade Sales:** Delicious, organic Fair Trade products will be back in February. Online sales begin Sunday, February 6 and close Friday, February 11. We will be masked and in-person after worship on February 13. The Fair Trade Team will offer special Valentine's Day gift packages including the popular "Nuts about You" and "Olive You." We look forward to seeing you then!
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday:** Monday the office will be closed.
- The **Peace and Justice Task Force** meets Tuesday at 12:30 [on Zoom](#).
- **Board Meetings:** Worship, Deacons, and Outreach Boards will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom this week.
- **Middle School Youth** meet on Friday at 6:00 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard for a game night.
- The **Men's and the Women's Retreats** have been postponed because of the current omicron surge.

**Looking for Zoom meeting links?** You can find them at [fccpa.org](http://fccpa.org) on the Calendar of Events page.

**Land Acknowledgement:** As we gather for worship today, we remember that for thousands of years this area has been the traditional land of the Puichon, an independent tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people. We are grateful to work, live, and worship on this land.

**Open and Affirming Statement, adopted in 2007:** As we, the members of the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, seek to embody God's extravagant welcome to all, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, welcoming into the full life and ministry of our church all who are LGBTQ+.

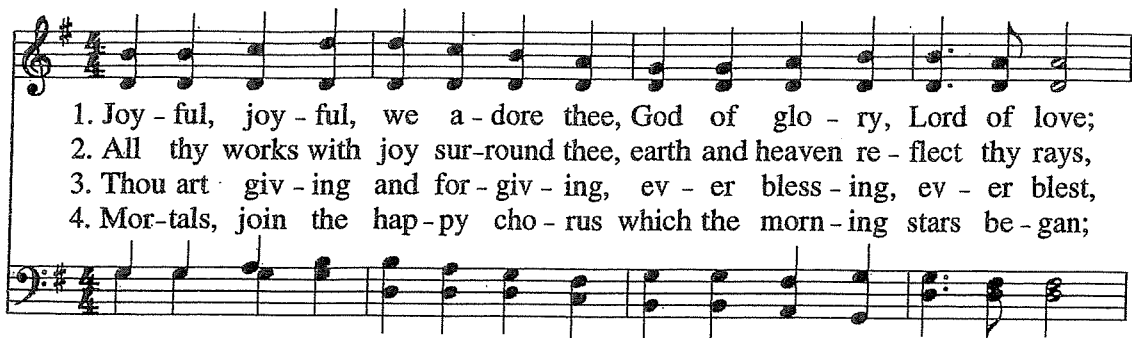
**Get social:** We'd love your support on social media! Follow @FCCPA on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and like the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto on [Facebook](#) to interact with and share our content to extend our reach. Additionally, if you have something you'd like to promote, please reach out to Julia Satterthwaite at [julia.satterthwaite@gmail.com](mailto:julia.satterthwaite@gmail.com) or text her at (248) 302-4289.

**Contact our Pastors:** If you would like to learn more about the church or talk with one of our pastors, please contact us at [David@fccpa.org](mailto:David@fccpa.org) or [Eileen@fccpa.org](mailto:Eileen@fccpa.org). We would be very glad to talk with you. For Pastoral Emergencies, you may contact Rev. David Howell at 650-906-7284 or Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman at 831-345-3830.

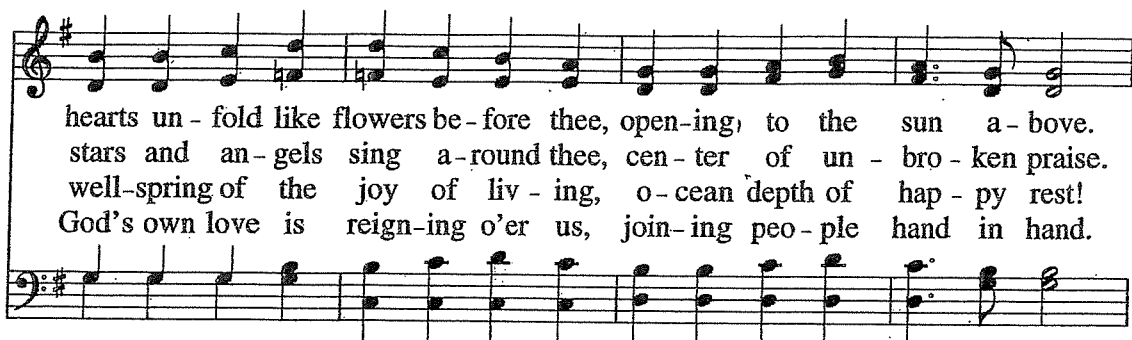
**Do you get our weekly "This Week at FCCPA" email newsletter?** It's the best way to stay up-to-date on church events. Contact [office@fccpa.org](mailto:office@fccpa.org) to sign up to receive it.

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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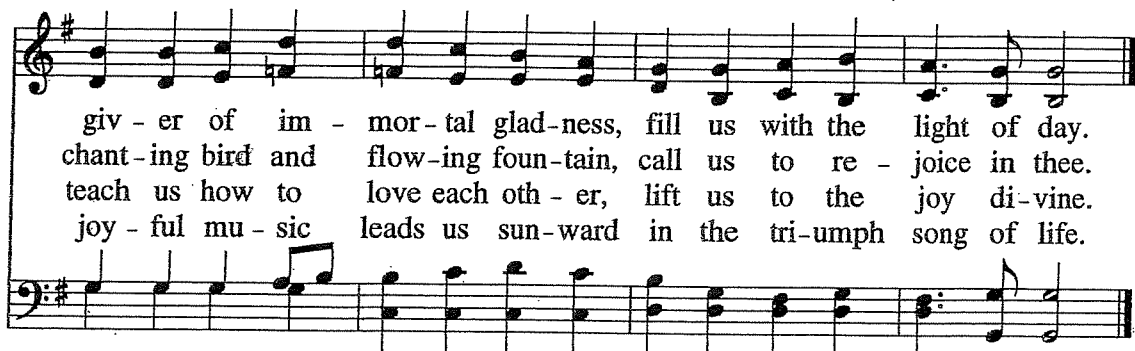
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing, to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



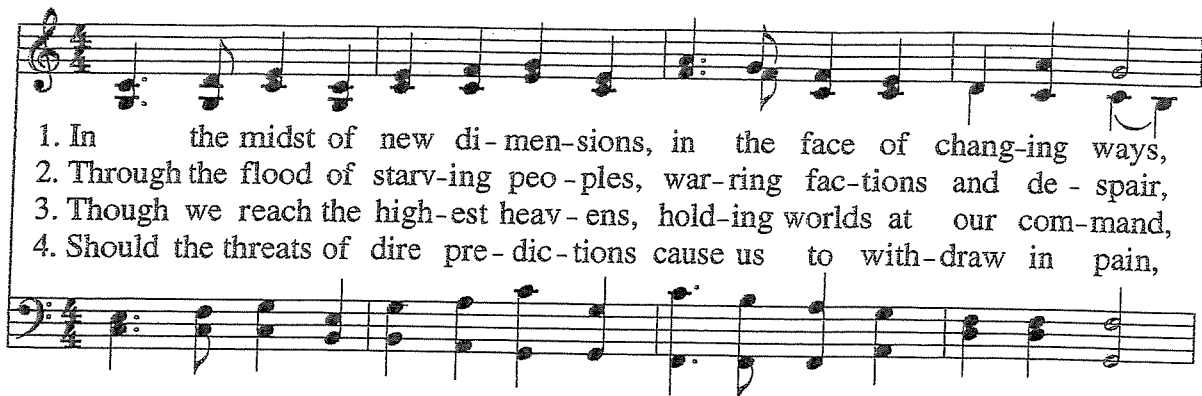
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

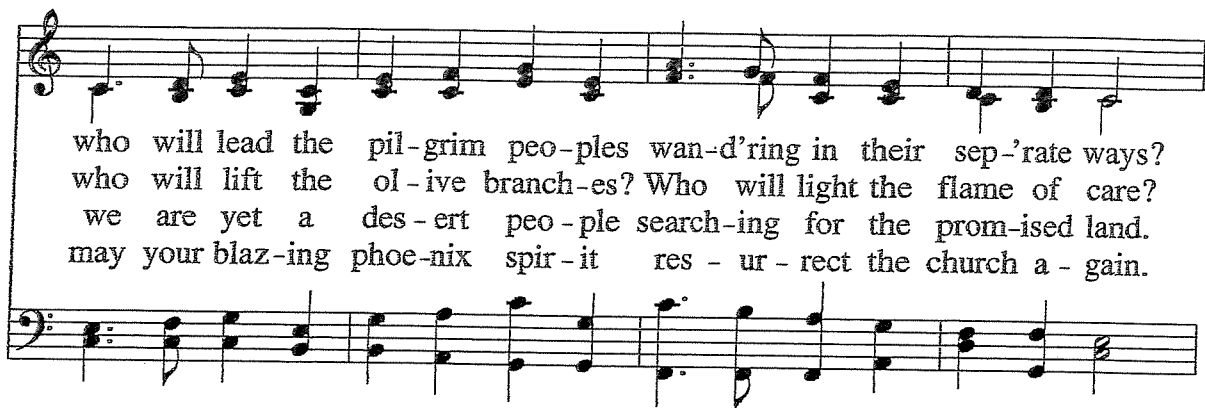
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY  
87.87D

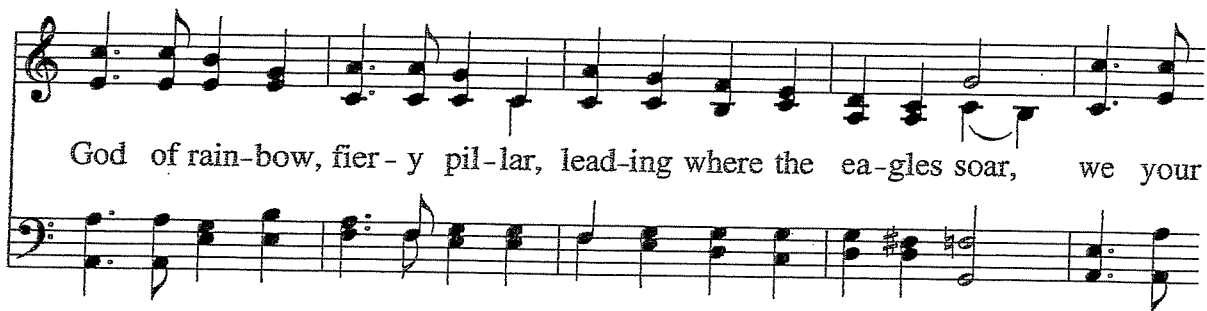
Henry van Dyke was ordained a Congregational minister, but his varied life included teaching and writing at Princeton and a critical 1913-1916 ambassadorship to Luxembourg and The Netherlands.



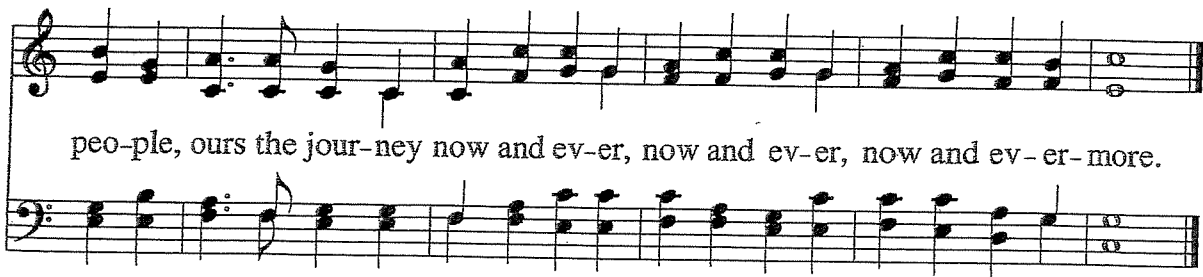
1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,  
 3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,  
 4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-d'ring in their sep-'rate ways?  
 who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.  
 may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.



God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

WORDS: Julian B. Rush, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Julian B. Rush, 1985; arr. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995, alt.

NEW DIMENSIONS  
 87.87 w. refrain

This hymn on diversity was written for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodists. Rush is director of the Colorado AIDS Project.