

Heaven Is Singing for Joy 382

El cielo canta alegría

Capo 3: (Am) Cm (C) Eb (F) Ab (G) Bb (C) Eb (E7) G7

1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 1 El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!

(Am) Cm (E) G (Am) Cm

for in your life and in mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.
por-que en tu vi-da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.

Refrain / Estribillo

(G7) Bb7 (C) Eb (G7) Bb7 (C) Eb

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

(G7) Bb7 (C) Eb (F) Ab (Em7) Gm7 (Am) Cm

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque a tu vida y la mía
 las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque tu vida y la mía
 proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

Written in 1958 for a picnic of theological students in Argentina, this piece represents the first Christian hymn in the 20th century to use Latin American folk music. The text is based on Jesus' saying that heaven rejoices at the repentance of each sinner (Luke 15:7).

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 15, 2018 ~
 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 grade and younger in the upstairs
 childcare room.

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CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Cantabile from *I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light*

Arr. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Some say, 'there is no God.'

**We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice,
 the presence of the God who loves us.**

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

**We come, in this time,
 because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.**

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

**We come, in this time, to this place,
 because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**



The Parable of the Lost Sheep

* HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

WE RESPOND

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus came to find us.

Silent prayers

OFFERTORY

Táimse Im' Chodladh

Traditional Irish Air

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN 391 verse 1

Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.

**Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE 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 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.

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

* HYMN FOR UNDERSTANDING 324 (vs 2) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-7 & 15:8-10

MEDITATION

* HYMN

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WE DEPART

* HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

God of Grace and God of Glory & Love Divine, All Loves Excelling were requested by Ian Laing. Harry Fosdick wrote *God of Grace and God of Glory*. He attended Colgate University, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University. Ordained in 1903, he pastored at the First Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. He also served as associate minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, New York.

Charles Wesley, the author of *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* is perhaps, the great hymn-writer of all times. Charles Wesley was the youngest son and 18th child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, and was born at Epworth Rectory, Dec. 18, 1707. He is said to have written no less than 6500 hymns.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* Op. 101 Karg-Elert
** You are invited to stand if able.*