First UP

Summer Days - Step Three: Play July 27, 2025





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Worship

Song

"Old Church Choir"

Centering Words

Leader: Let the little children come

People: For the kingdom belongs to those who play and trust.

Leader: Jesus calls us friends, not servants

People: And invites us to joy, delight, and abiding love. Leader: Come as you are, curious and open-hearted.

People: We gather to laugh, to learn, to play in God's presence.

Song

"Come As You Are"

First Scripture Reading

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to Jesus so that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

The Second Gospel Lesson

John 15:5-15

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit... As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you... I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends...

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song "Abide (I Will Abide)"

Opening Prayer

Joyful Spirit, You welcome children and call us to come with unguarded hearts. You laugh with us, dance with us, and find delight in our being—not just our doing. Free us from the fear of being too serious or too small. Plant joy in our worship, and wonder in our words. May we find your grace in play, and remember that your love makes us whole. Amen.

Service

Message

"Summer Days: Step Two - Play"
Pastor Duane Carlisle

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Invitation to Generosity
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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Song
"Praise To the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)"

Ending

The Benediction

PRAYERS

CONCERNS SHARED

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ALL IN NEED OF PRAYERS

THOSE IN EXTENDED
CARE & REHAB
JACK GAUNT

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Old Church Choir

by Ethan Hulse, Colby Wedgeworth, and Zach Williams

Verse 1

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long
Can you hear it
Can you feel it
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

Misc 1 (Pre-Chorus)

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Chorus 1

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful I've got a heart overflowing 'Cause I've been restored (No) there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Verse 2

When the valleys that I wander Turn to mountains that I can't climb Oh You are with me You never leave me

Misc 2 (Bridge)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'Til you find that gospel beat 'Cause He's all you'll ever need All you'll ever need Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'Til you find that gospel beat 'Cause He's all you'll ever need All you'll ever need

Misc 3 (Interlude)

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

Misc 4 (Ending)

Oh there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

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Come As You Are

by Ben Glover, David Crowder, and Matt Maher

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been Come broken-hearted let rescue begin Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus 1

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame All who are broken lift up your face O wanderer come home You're not too far So lay down your hurt lay down your heart Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Misc 1 (Bridge)

Come as you are Fall in His arms Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Misc 2 (Ending)

Come as you are Come as you are Come as you are

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Abide (I Will Abide)

by Brock Human

Verse 1

I will abide in you I'll abide in you oh Lord And I'll speak your words I'll speak your words oh Lord

Chorus 1

That's where the promise is Where the promise is To abide in you oh my Lord That's where the promise is Where the promise is To abide in you

Bridge 1

Whatever I believe wherever I've run Longing for relief from the noonday sun It is your precipitation Your vitalization that made me It invited me home

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Praise To The Lord (Joyful, Joyful)

Adrian Disch | Shane Barnard

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation Come, all you hear, now to His temple draw near Join me in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining Have you not seen all that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriends you

Chorus

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee God of glory, Lord of love Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee Op'ning to the Sun above

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him Let the Amen sound from His people again Gladly forever adore Him

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