

Annual Polka Service  
with Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers  
September 8, 2024

T Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost T

Chapel in the Valley

**Brothers and sisters we stand together,  
Lord won't You come and be with us,  
On the mountains and in the valleys,  
We praise You Lord for all to see.**

Chorus:

**Oh la, Oh lee oh,  
We sing and praise Your holy name,  
Oh la, Oh lee oh,  
Forgive our sins, forget our blames,  
Oh la, Oh lee oh,  
Please take our troubles for today,  
Oh la, Oh lee oh,  
As we worship You and pray.**

**You have called us to be Your people,  
Lord won't You come and be with us,  
See us standing 'round Your altar,  
Oh won't You come and set us free.**

Repeat Chorus

The People of God Come Rejoicing In

Chorus:

**The people of God come rejoicing in,  
Renewed and restored and redeemed from sin.  
We lift up our hearts as our prayers begin;  
Your people come to sing alleluia.**

**We come to celebrate Your love for us  
With dancing melody,  
Recalling all Your promises and all we hope to be;  
We're Your adopted sons and daughters now,  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
And so Your people sing alleluia.**

Chorus:

**The people of God come rejoicing in,**

**Renewed and restored and redeemed from sin.  
We lift up our hearts as our prayers begin;  
Your people come to sing alleluia.**

We Welcome You All Today (Tune: In Heaven There Is  
No Beer)

**We welcome you all today,  
As we in song do pray.  
God's people all are we,  
Our hearts are full of love for you to see.**

Refrain

**Alle, Alleluia! Alle, alleluia!  
Alle, Alleluia! Rejoice and sing praise to our God!**

**We welcome you all today,  
And Lord, we'd like to say,  
We pray that this will be,  
A special liturgy for you and me. Refrain**

*VERSICLES*

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P O Lord, open my lips,

**C and my mouth shall declare Your praise.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P Give glory to God, our light and our life.**

**C O come, let us worship Him.  
O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a  
joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with  
thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him  
with songs of praise.  
For the Lord is a great God and a great king  
above all gods.  
In His hand are the depths of the earth; the  
heights of the mountains are His also.  
The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand  
formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us  
kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P Give glory to God, our light and our life.**

**C O come, let us worship Him.**

Gathered Together (Julida Polka)

**Gathered together, loving each other**

**Singing and praying, Lord God our Father**

**Bless us and guide us; teach us, unite us.**

**These things we ask Lord, please God forgive us.**

**Chorus:**

**Holy God, Holy God, Father, Spirit, Son**

**Holy God, Holy God, three persons all in one.**

**Prayers and sacrifice, Your blood, it was the price.**

**Holy God, Holy God, You're the one for us.**

**Accept our gifts Lord and our salutations.  
In your name offered from this congregation.  
We all are brothers praying for others  
For our salvation to Your heavenly home.  
Repeat Chorus**

*PSALM*

Psalm 146

**<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!**

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my  
being.**

**<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,**

**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

**<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.**

**<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,**

**who keeps faith forever;**

**<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.**

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;**

**he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the  
LORD!**

*READING*

Isaiah 35:4–7a

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah,  
chapter 35.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## *READING*

James 2:1–10, 14–18

A The Epistle is from James, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also



comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save

him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

I Saw the Light

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.**

**I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.**

**Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.**

**Praise the Lord! I saw the light!**

Chorus:

**I saw the light; I saw the light.**

**No more darkness, no more night!**

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along;  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his  
sight,  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Chorus**

**I was a fool to wander and stray;  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Chorus**

*READING*

Mark 7:24–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>From there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be

hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his

tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## *SERMON*

How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder**

**Consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made,**

**I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

ref      **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou  
art!”**

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*PRAYERS OF THE DAY*

P      Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit, who opens deaf ears with His Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how God's Son has done all things well, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For missionaries, that the Lord would strengthen and support them as they travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission, so that all who hear may receive the Good News of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all leaders and all rulers, that God — in whom alone we place all our hope — would bless them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and those in any need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, You would have all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. By Your almighty power and unsearchable wisdom break and hinder all the counsels of those



who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching, would destroy it. Enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory that they may know the riches of Your heavenly grace and, in peace and righteousness, serve You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

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**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

You Taught Us How to Love, Lord

**God, our Father up in heaven, hear us as we pray**

**Take our sins away, help us live each day.**

**Thank You for the gifts You gave us,**

**You care for our needs.**

**When You sent Your Son to save us,**

**You showed us You loved us true.**

**Hear us as we sing Your praises.**

**Help us live our lives for You.**

Chorus:

**You taught us how to love, Lord**

**And live our lives for You,**

**And if we follow Your lead,**

**How happy we will be.**

**Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,**

**You came down to us,**

**Died upon the cross, to redeem our loss.**

**Help us learn to love each other, as You loved us all.**

**Help us follow your example,  
Caring for each other's needs,  
Showing we are sisters, brothers,  
By our very words and deeds. Chorus**

**God of Love, O Holy Spirit, full of power and might,  
Keep us in Your sight, teach us wrong from right  
Thank You for Your love and graces,  
Make us pure and strong.  
Be our hope and consultation,  
Guide our weary steps to Thee.  
Through Your guidance we all plan to  
Live with You eternally. Chorus**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*BENEDICAMUS*

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*BENEDICTION*

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P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Best Wishes

**Best wishes in all you do,  
Here's hoping your dreams will come true  
God speed you and may He lead you  
To happiness and nothing less**

**Best wishes where're you go,  
A warm welcome, a friendly hello  
When both lead you may they treat you  
With loving care  
And may they share our best wishes**

**May your life be full of contentment**

**And with love and peace as your guide  
You can find the future without a care  
And our best wishes will always be there**

**Best wishes to you each day,  
Good fortune to travel your way  
Your path a straight one,  
Your life a great one  
But most of all,  
A host of all our best wishes.**

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers have released “It’s a Family Tradition” featuring Generations 2-3-4 of the Thiel family in August 2020. All Jolly Ramblers’ CD’s are just \$5.00 each. Add \$8.00 postage and handling for mail orders.

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history, recordings, videos, contact information and more.

Closing Hymn: God Bless America

**God bless America, land that I love.**

**Stand beside her and guide her**

**Through the night with a light from above.**

**From the mountains to the prairies**

**To the oceans white with foam,**

**God bless America, my home sweet home.**

**God bless America, my home sweet home.**

*(Sing twice)*

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