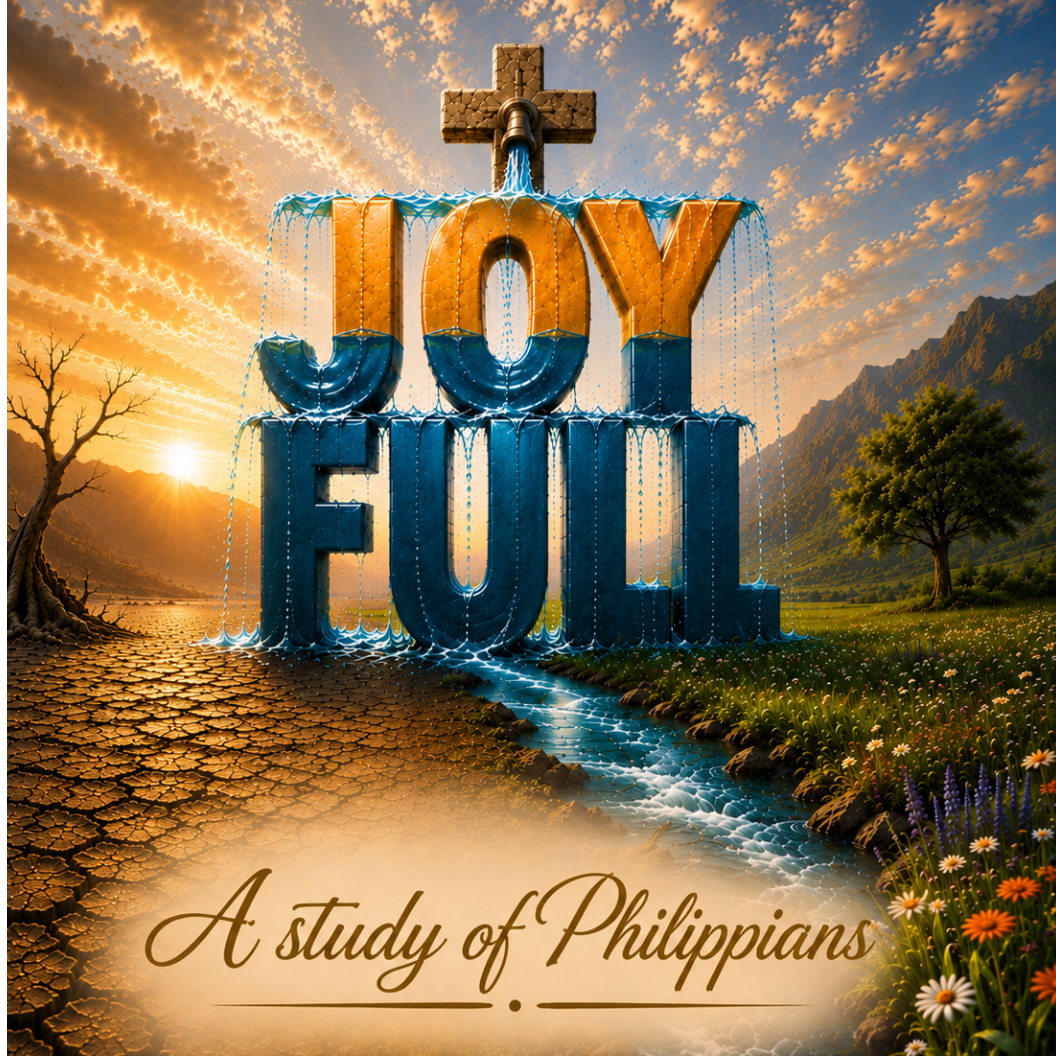




August 30, 2026
9:30 am Worship Service

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Rusty Rutter, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

Praise Ye the Lord Medley/ E. Rogers

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Philippians 4:4 (ESV)

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD
IN WORD

Deuteronomy 12:10-12a (ESV)

Leader: But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord. And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God!

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 1 & 2)

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

People: The chief end of man is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Leader: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Heaven Father, we praise you for creating all things good and beautiful. Every human is made in your image with innate dignity and glorious purpose. Yet we have each defiled that image through selfish living. Instead of rejoicing in you and living for your glory, we have chosen to rejoice in sin and live for our own glory. As the consequences of our choices catch up with us, we grumble when we should repent. Forgive us for our stubbornness and restore us by your grace. O Lord, create a clean heart within me that finds greater joy in you than all the things this world can offer. Transform the lesser joy we get from your gifts into the greater joy we get from living in an intimate relationship with you -- the Giver of all things good and beautiful. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*The Joy of the Lord
Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. Isaiah 40:28 (NIV)

Doxology (Romans 11)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
EPHRATA FAIR & PARADE OUTREACH
WELCOME TO VISITORS

Carson Snavelly

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art
Lydia Crowther

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-23 (ESV)

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. ²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

SERMON

Stand Firm in the Joy of the Lord
Series: Joy full - A study of Philippians
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Jesus, I am Resting, Resting

76 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures, unchanging on. Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; You behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, words from Psalm 103 by Henry F. Lyte, music by John Goss ©Public Domain CCLI License #79597

The Joy of the Lord

The joy of the Lord, will be my strength.
I will not falter, I will not faint.
He is my Shepherd, I am not afraid,
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

The joy of the Lord, will be my strength.
He will uphold me all of my days.
I am surrounded by mercy and grace,
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

The joy of the Lord, will be my strength.
I will not waver, walking by faith,
He will be strong, to deliver me safe.
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

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Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God, to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the
Lord When disappointment, grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul
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Doxology (Romans 11)

Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments
How untraceable His paths

Who knows the mind of our God
and who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God
that God should repay?

For from Him, and through Him
and to Him, is everything

To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, As Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

O how great Thy lovingkindness, Vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous Thy goodness Lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise And have made it mine.
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart. Amen.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed.
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

Ever lift Thy face upon me As I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, Fill me with Thy grace.
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.