



During these weeks in which we are not able to join to worship together in our sanctuary, our pastoral staff wanted to share with you a few worship resources that we hope will aid you, either individually or with your family, in lifting your heart in worship to the Lord, experiencing his presence in your life, and feeding on his Word.

This week's resource follows along with our online worship service - check it out on the [HBIC YouTube Channel](#), beginning Sunday morning at 9 am.

Call to Worship (Pastor Carmen):

In order to have fruit – there has to be a seed. A few verses to keep us focused; be encouraged: most of the verses I found on joy had to do with singing for joy - so that may be a clue to keeping our joy!

An anxiety was great within me, but your consolation brought joy to my soul (Ps. 94:19)
Father, help us look to You for consolation

For it is in your presence there is fullness of joy (Ps 16:11)
Father, keep us aware of your presence

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)
Father, help us to trust you

Let all who take refuge in you be glad, let them ever sing for joy. (Ps. 5:11)
Father, help us look to you for refuge

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps. 5:11)

Father, help us to stay under your banner of protection and to love your name

Fill our hearts with joy (Ps 4:7)

Father, that we will look to you to fill our hearts

Though you have not seen him you love him, though you do not see him you believe in Him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy (1 Peter 1:8-9)

Father, help us to love and believe in you, help us to articulate the joy you fill us with

Be truly glad there is wonderful joy ahead (1 Peter 1:6)

Father, help us to look at tomorrow with gladness

In Christ's name

Song (Pastor Esteban): *Freedom*

Verse 1:

*You came to set the captives free
You came to bring us liberty
My sin and my rejection met
Your blood and my acceptance
Now I'm alive to bring You praise*

Chorus:

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Every chain is broken through You, Jesus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom*

Verse 2:

*Your blood has covered every sin
Your grace empowers me to win
My pain and my oppression met
Your blood and my acceptance
Now I'm alive to bring You praise*

Bridge:

*I'm free I'm free, I'm free to dance and sing
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free to shout it out
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free to dance and sing
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free to worship You*

Prayer (Pastor Esteban)

Children's Story (Alissa Patterson)

Link for children's song: <https://youtu.be/Rezg4jYFoj0>

Link for Joy-Themed Coloring Page: <https://images.app.goo.gl/KAgraDvRACNeA5oM7>

Offering Invitation (Pastor Woody):

As we come together, I want to take a moment to remind you that the various ways you can give your tithes and offerings can be found on our website, hbic.church, click on *Ways to Give*.

Offering Prayer

Doxology (Pastor Esteban):

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Pastoral Prayer (Pastor Brie):

Father, thank you for this opportunity to come together virtually today. Thank you for your presence in each of the spaces we're in. We ask for your blessings on the Spirit's working through today's service. May our hearts be turned to you and open to what you have for us.

We praise you today for our community! Praise you for your Word and that we can each draw near to you individually. Thank you, reveal yourself to each of us through your word and the work of the Holy Spirit. Thank you that you speak to our hearts! Thank you for your grace and your mercies that are new each morning. Thank you for forgiving us when we come to you and ask. Thank you for loving us! Thank you for your perfect plan from the beginning of time to redeem us! Thank you for Jesus' sacrifice. Thank you that we can be made white as snow! Lord, we praise you today that we can have confidence that you are bigger than any sorrow this world may bring! You have each of us in your loving hands, thank you Lord!

Lord, we ask for your blessings today on those who are sick among us. We ask for your healing hand, for your comfort for them and we ask that you show their loved ones how to best support them in this time.

Lord, be with all of those who are sick with the Coronavirus, we ask for healing and for discernment for those caring for them. Lord, we ask for protection on those serving on

the front lines of this pandemic. Continue to give them the energy and resources they need as they serve.

Father, be with our missionaries the world over. We ask for protection over them and their communities. We also ask that you reveal yourself to them in new ways within the space of quarantine!

We praise you Lord today that your word teaches us to embrace trials. To count them all joy! Father, help us to count the trials of our lives as joy. Turn our hearts to your perspective, to your heart for this world, to the peace that you offer us. Help us to trust you with all of the details of our lives. We can make plans in our hearts, but you direct our steps Father. You work all things out for good for those who Love you! Praise you Lord!

Show us the ways, Lord, to glorify you within this time. We praise you for hearing the news of the gospel being spread in countries in the Middle East because of the Pandemic! We ask for the continued work of the Holy Spirit in spreading the good news through this Pandemic!

We love you Lord and we ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen

The Word (Pastor Hank):

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 The Message

²²⁻²³ But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 The Message

¹⁻³ *Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!*

Questions for Reflection and/or Discussion:

- What are is one thing that brings you joy that you can commit to doing this week?
- What are ways that you will seek to be present with God this week?
- What are ways that you will seek to be present with others this week?
- What is one way you can share your blessings with others?
- Challenge: write 5 blessings each morning, for the next week. Give thanks each night specifically for the list of that day's blessings.

Song (Pastor Esteban): Joy

Verse:

*There's beauty in my brokenness
I've got true love instead of pain
There's freedom though you've captured me
I've got joy instead of mourning*

Chorus:

*You give me joy
Down deep in my soul
Down deep in my soul
Down deep in my soul*

Bridge:

*I've never been so free
Caught in your love for me
I never been more secure
Knowing your heart, Lord*

Announcements (Pastor Lynda):

- 1) We want to thank you for your faith-filled giving to our church's general fund, as well as to our deacon fund and to the food pantry ministry.

An e-mail went out in the last couple days with the quarterly financial update from our beloved church treasurer, Rodney Sauder – if you haven't watched Rodney's video update yet, be sure to check your email inbox!

- 2) Also in your inbox should be the *Journeying Together While Apart* email for the week of April 26, today, through May 2. Be sure to take a few minutes to read through the various things we've shared there, there are things you can respond to as well!
- 3) We invite you to join with others through the various gatherings happening online within our HBIC community. They're all outlined in the *Journeying Together* email.
- 4) If you aren't receiving our email updates and would like them, please send a note to office@harrisburgbic.org so we can add you to the contact list.
- 5) We also want to encourage you to keep doing what you can to reach out and connect with others. Let's intentionally stay in touch and share our joy with one another this week.
- 6) And if there's any way that we can be of help to you, please give any of the pastors a call, a text, or an email.

Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. (The link for each week's service will be live on the [HBIC YouTube Channel](#) each Sunday morning by 9 am.)

Song (Pastor Esteban): *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble*

Verse 1:

*Did you feel the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one*

Verse 2:

*Did you feel the people tremble
Did you hear the singers roar
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ, the saving one*

Pre-Chorus 1:

*And we can see that, God, You're moving
A mighty river through the nations
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide, you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord*

Chorus:

*Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice*

Verse 3:

*Do you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness*

Pre-Chorus 2:

*And here we see that, God, You're moving
A time of jubilee is coming
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide, you heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord*

Benediction and Closing Prayer (Pastor Hank):

Lift your heart(s) before God in prayer.