

About this Hymn:

This hymn was written by a Canadian minister, prison chaplain, and worship journal editor, Sylvia Dunstan. She wrote many hymns during her short life, resulting in two published hymnals (one released posthumously). Unfortunately, Sylvia passed away due to liver cancer at the age of thirty-eight. She left behind a legacy of compassion for those in need and an over-whelming love for liturgy. The lyrics of this hymn were inspired by the line in the Lord’s prayer, “Thy kingdom come,” and the 126th Psalm. In addition to the this hymn, Sylvia also wrote the lyrics for #s 164, 170, 183, 274, 295, 476, and 509 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

This arrangement was done by an imminently talented living American composer, Evelyn Simpson-Curenton. Simpson is a native of Philadelphia and an alumna of Temple University. She began her musical career as a pianist and singer at the age of two; during grade school she became the accompanist for her family’s vocal group, The Singing Simpsons. Evelyn went on to study organ, arranging, and composition. Her pieces have been commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera and New York Philharmonic for presentation in Carnegie Hall, as well as the Kennedy Center, the National Symphony Orchestra, and Hampton University’s jazz ensemble (a bit closer to home for us, geograph-ically speaking). Ms. Simpson-Curenton currently serves as organist at three churches in Washington, D.C. Her tireless dedication to congregational worship isa beautiful Christian example.

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

Lyricist: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) |

Composer: Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977)

Arranger: Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain: We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.
All our days we’ll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday July 8th Ladies Dinner 5:30pm
Saturday July 5th Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

The office will be closed Monday July 7th in observance of July 4th.

Son Servants will be stay at the church and serving in Danville July 14-18. You are invited to join for evening worship in the Fellowship Hall, Monday-Friday beginning around 7:30pm (schedules are a little loose with youth ministry, haha). Please be praying for the groups that will be serving in Danville.

There will be no choir practice the month of July.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Word & Sacrament	David Baker
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	C. B. Strange
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Becky Meadema
Greeter	Pat Pinckney
Side door/Offering	David Clark
Communion	Gail Jones
	Barry Cutright

List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford
Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett
Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton
Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

BUDGET UPDATE

	May 1-31	FY 2025
Contributions	\$17,060.26	\$174,921.59
Expenditures	\$35,967.35	\$170,785.88
Difference	(-\$18,907.09)	\$ 4,135.71

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

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July 6, 2025

4th Sunday after Pentecost



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