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Going By the Book

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Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

Welcome

Prelude

Processional

Léon Boëllmann

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We come, ready to be trained and equipped by God's Word!**

Leader: Scripture is primary. It always comes first, and it must always be the standard.

People: **Here's our first step; the read scripture. Lord, teach us, guide us and equip us!**

Hymn

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain
 Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joice, re-joice, re-joice,

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of your Word. As we begin this time together, open our hearts and minds to hear what you are saying to us through Scripture. Equip us for every good work, strengthen us to take our next steps in faith, and guide us as we seek to grow closer to you and to one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and teacher, we pray. Amen.

Pastor's Preview

Young Disciples Chatting with The Rev

Hymn

In the Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a-lone while the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-

still on the ros-es, and the voice I hear fall-ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me
 round me be fall-ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

the Son of God dis-clos-es.
 with-in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he
 his voice to me is call-ing.

Refrain



Senior Choir

Open My Eyes That I May See

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Going By the Book

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Open My Eyes That I May See

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Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



SCAN to GIVE

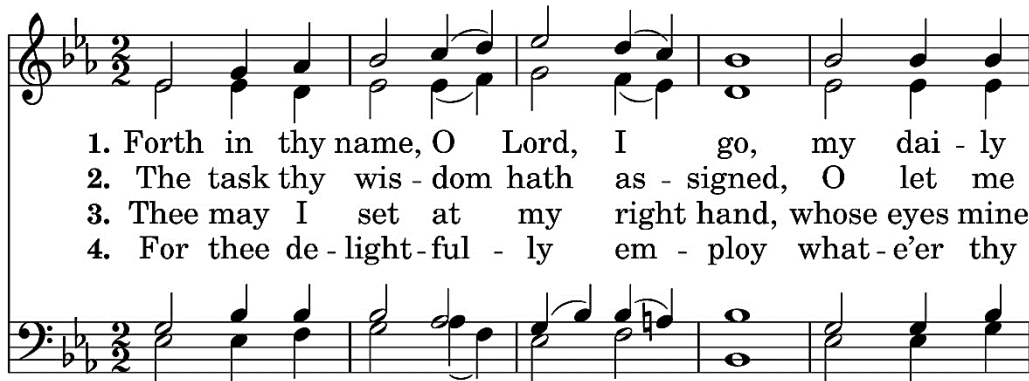
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

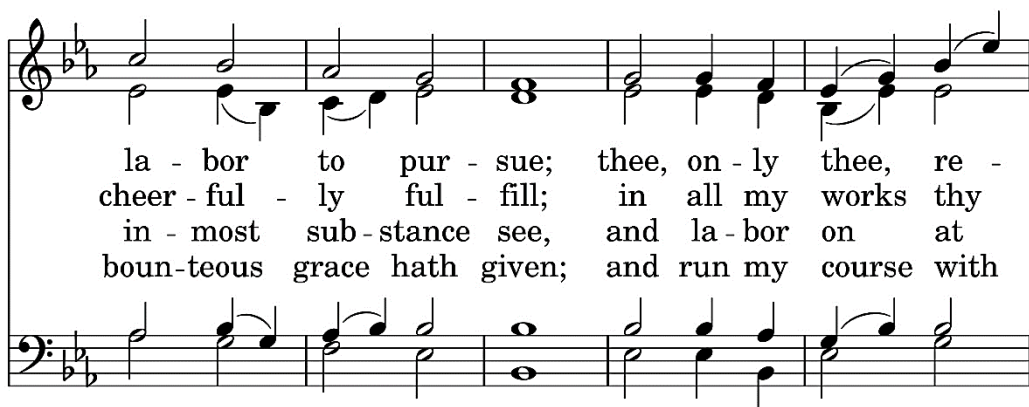
Hymn

Forth in Thy Name

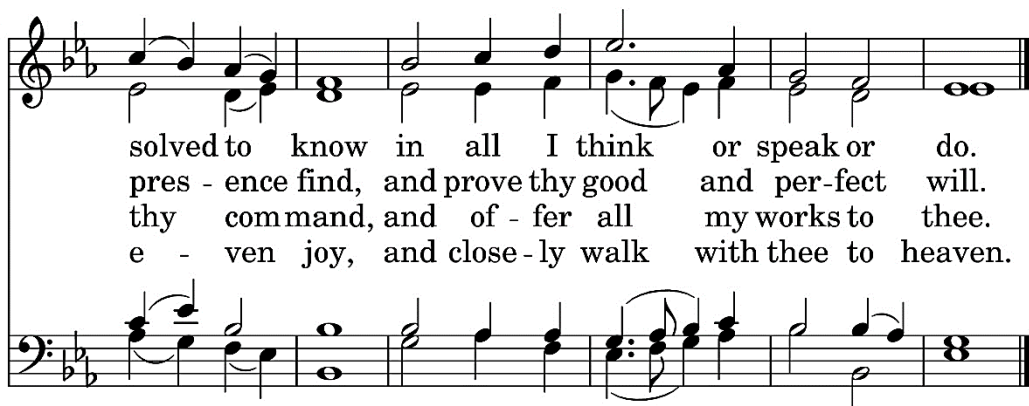
(verses 1, 2, and 4)



1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
 2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine
 4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy



la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
 boun-teous grace hath given; and run my course with



solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.
 thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.
 e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord Is King

arr. Lani Smith