Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

THE JOY of the Lord is not earth's joy—that joy which comes from earthly pleasures and earthly possessions; but the joy which comes from knowing God and from being his child. This is a joy which the world could not give—and cannot take away; but which belongs to all who truly believe in God. It is a joy which is not dependent upon *health* or upon *riches* or upon human *friends* or upon *worldly honors*; it is the joy of the Lord, and can come only from him and through his love. There are those who have it—and yet are continual sufferers. Everything that is supposed to be essential to earthly happiness, may be lacking—and yet the heart may have joy that abides unbroken through all the pain and loss!

Some great calamity may befall a believer in God, almost hopelessly destroying his last resource of happiness in this life, leaving *suffering* or *sorrow* which it seems never can be healed or comforted—and yet the fountain of pain becomes a new spring of joy.

It is said that during the siege of Sebastopol [in the Crimean war], a Russian shell buried itself in the side of a hill outside the city and a spring of water burst out of the torn ground and became a flowing fountain. The weary soldiers drank of the pure, sweet water during all the siege.

Just so, the *wounds* and *hurts* of life which seem to destroy beauty and joy—only open new sources of gladness.

Every Christian should have this joy. Whatever sorrow is ours—our joy should continue. Its source is in God's own heart—and this fountain can never fail. —J.R.Miller, 1840-1912

Be Thou my Sun, my selfishness destroy,
Thy atmosphere of Love be all my joy
Thy Presence be my sunshine ever bright.
My soul the little mote that lives but in Thy light.
—Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769

I DO not know when I have had happier times in my soul, than when I have been sitting at work, with nothing before me but a candle and a white cloth, and hearing no sound but that of my own breath, with God in my soul and heaven in my eye. ... I rejoice in being exactly what I am, — a creature capable of loving God, and who, as long as God lives, must be happy. I get up and look for a while out of the window, and gaze at the moon and stars, the work of an Almighty hand. I think of the grandeur of the universe, and then sit down, and think myself one of the happiest beings in it.
—Attributed to a poor Methodist woman, 18th Century

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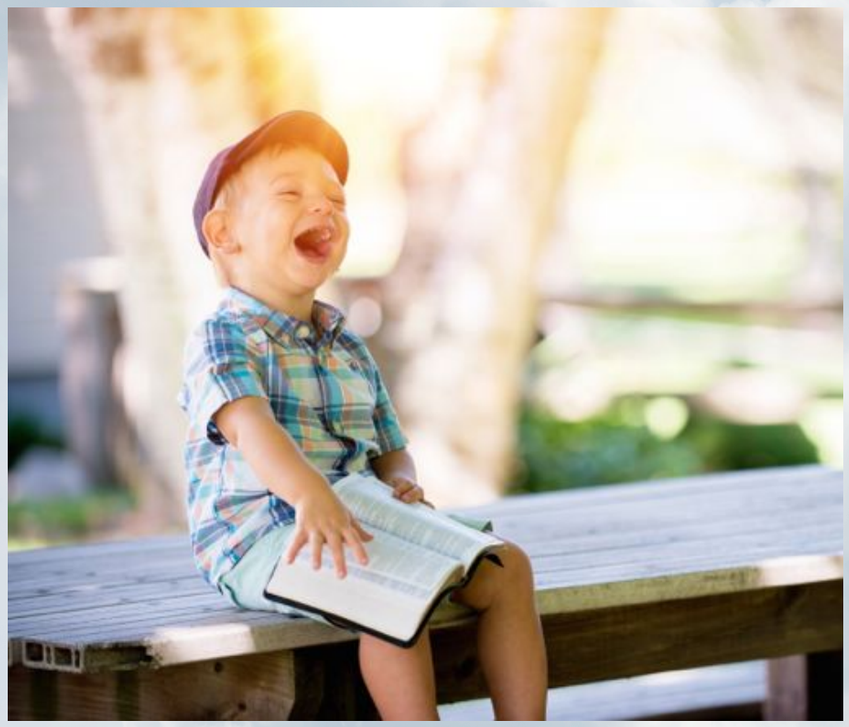

the joy of the Lord

is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

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Welcome, children of God! Together, let us make melody to the Lord and join in joyful fellowship with one another.

Call To Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

—Psalm 19

Announcements

- **February 10 -** Ministerial Benevolence Fund Offering
- **February 15** - Conference-Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting. The church will be open at noon for a special prayer time.
- **February 15-17** - Midwinter Youth Convention at Pineview Community Church in Albany. (Rescheduled)
- **February 15-16** - All Night of Prayer. Our assignment is 5-7 a.m.
- **February 18** - 6:00 p.m. - Winter Fellowship Dinner in the parsonage lower level. Everyone is welcome!

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen. —BCP

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying specifically for our sister church in **Northville, NY.** Merle Hock is the pastor.
- **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - **S**pecial requests for those on our hearts, especially Pam, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world.
  - **T**he village of **Middleburgh,** that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries**: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the D. Shermans, J. Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - **O**ur **young people** – schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - **B**ible Colleges - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - **S**afety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - **O**ur President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
  - Sharon Major, Rosemary Snyder, Vosburgh baby, David Fellencer, Joyce Walter, Jacob, Pat and Marie Rooney, Charles and Thelma Heckman, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Paulette Fay, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- **From** Early Woodland:
  - Steve, Edward, Joyce, Jim, Todd, Loren, Renee.
- *Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.*

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*
OT	Exodus 4:1-5:21	Exodus 5:22-7:25	Exodus 8:1-9:35	Exodus 10:1-12:13
NT	Matthew 18:1-20	Matthew 18:21-19:12	Matthew 19:13-30	Matthew 20:1-28
PSA	Psalm 22:19-31	Psalm 23:1-6	Psalm 24:1-10	Psalm 25:1-15
PROV	Proverbs 5:15-21	Proverbs 5:22-23	Proverbs 6:1-5	Proverbs 6:6-11

Thursday	*Friday*	*Saturday*	*Sunday*
Exodus 12:14-13:16	Exodus 13:17-15:18	Exodus 15:19-17:7	Exodus 17:8-19:15
Matthew 20:29-21:22	Matthew 21:23-46	Matthew 22:1-33	Matthew 22:34-23:12
Psalm 25:16-22	Psalm 26:1-12	Psalm 27:1-6	Psalm 27:7-14
Proverbs 6:12-15	Proverbs 6:16-19	Proverbs 6:20-26	Proverbs 6:27-35

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Other announcements
& prayer requests