

## THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2025

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
**there am I** in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

**PRELUDE** – The prelude is a time for heart preparation. It is important that we use this time for preparing ourselves for the privilege of entering the presence of the King.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship and Chorus 420

**HYMN** “Rejoice, The Lord Is King” 148

**HYMN** “Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart” 386

**Worship by Giving**

**Prayer for our Missionaries**

**HYMN** “Rejoice In The Lord” 196

**Scripture** **Philippians 4:1-9**

**Prayer**

**CHORUS** “Rejoice In The Lord Always” 537

**Special Music**

**Message** **Learning to Rejoice**

**HYMN** “Trusting Jesus” 397

**Benediction and Postlude**

*“But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;”*  
*Philippians 1:12*

## Much Fruit

**It is the branch that bears the fruit that feels the knife;  
To prune it for a larger growth, a fuller life;**

**Though every budding twig be lopped, and every grace  
Of swaying tendril, springing leaf, be lost a space.**

**O thou, whose life of joy seems reft of beauty - shorn,  
Whose aspirations lie in dust, all bruised and torn;**

**Rejoice! Though each desire, each dream, each hope of  
thine,  
Shall fall and fade; it is the hand of Love Divine,**

**That holds the knife, that cuts and breaks with tenderest  
touch,**

**That thou, whose life has borne *some* fruit may'st now  
bear *much*!**

**-Annie Johnson Flint-**

**[John 15:2](#) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he  
taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he  
purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit...Abide in  
me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of  
itself, except it the branches: He that abideth in me, and  
I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without  
me ye can do nothing.**

*Used in “Streams in the Desert” on February 19*