

**Hope United Church of Christ  
Worship Order  
Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Welcome – Pastor Meg  
Announcements  
Offering Prayer

Offering Response: *“Give Thanks”*

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. x2**  
**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” x2**  
**Give thanks!**

Prelude: Prelude on Hymn-Tune "Holy Manna" - - - David Kidwell

Opening Song No. 73, *“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”*

Call to Worship:

One: Give thanks to God with all your heart.

**All: We will hold nothing back from our God.**

One: Rejoice knowing that God calls you by name.

**All: God hears our voice and knows our truth.**

One: Our hope is found in the Lord.

**All: We seek to share the light of Christ.**

Response: *“Surely the Presence of the Lord”*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Children’s Message: A New Way

Special Music: Song of Fellowship - - - Hope Choir  
Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price, music by Don Besig

The Alleluia:

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**  
**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**  
**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Prayer before Scripture

Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Genesis 32:22-30 CEB

Gospel: Matthew 16:13 - 20 CEB

Message: Claim the Name     *Pastor Meg*

Song of Response: "Hello My Name Is" ... by Matthew West (Video)

Prayers of the People: *God of Love... Hear Our Prayer*  
Lord's Prayer

Closing Song: No. 77, "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*"

Benediction

Blessing: "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"

**Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.**  
**Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to**  
**others, too.**

Postlude: Proclaim the Glory of the Lord - - - arr. Mark Kellner

# Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
 2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.  
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.  
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.  
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

*This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.*

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.  
 Louise Ruspini  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

*Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainsgate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.*

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
*Sicilian melody, 18th century*  
*The European Magazine and Review, 1792*