

# Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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## For Today: Expressions of Joy

*These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, so that your joy might be full. (John 15:11)*

How often is being hip-hip happy mistakenly equated with real joy. Joy is not an airy-fairy feeling that rises and falls with one's emotional tides. Joy is a steadfast, permanent resident, when we invite the Lord to lead in all things.

In Nehemiah 8:10, we read, "the joy of the Lord is my strength." However, how often is the joy that He provides replaced with failure and defeat? In many places in scripture, joy is expressed as great symphonies of song, and we are encouraged to: make a joyful noise (Psalm 66:1). Yet, deeper and more expressive, spiritual overtones of joy also are demonstrated, "He endured the cross so that no one will take your joy away from you" (John 16:22; Hebrews 12:2). In His approaching moments of acute agony, He reassured, "These things I speak so that they may have My joy in themselves" (John 17:13). These astonishing words were spoken at a time of deepest grief and intense loss, but they contained a promise that joy would come "in the morning." Christ establishes here a deep spiritual truth about joy—true joy, inner joy—that even in sorrow, pain, longing, bereavement... in all things, His joy is secure. His joy remains our strength, as we remain in Him and He in us.

The Word clearly indicates that in all trials and tribulations, we have a joy, a compensating, curative, rectifying, restorative, healing joy, which cannot be taken, lost, removed, or destroyed except as we permit. If we reflect back to a hurting world which has only pain and loss, we deny His strength. If we're to reflect the Lord and win others for Christ, we must not bemoan our lot. We must refrain from exuding a deep negativity that dismisses Christ, for a joyless Christian libels His Lord and contradicts His Christ.

Joy is a most precious commodity, which can be retained by prayer and praise. Joy can be encountered in the quiet stillness of the Savior's arms amid life's stresses. Fear for today and worry about tomorrow are two of the greatest enemies of joy, and Satan delights to trip us up with circumstances that encourage such negativity. When we can learn to combine His compassion and empathy for others with His joy, instead of fueling the fires of their grief with our own mealy-mouthed problems, we will witness to His praise and glory and allow His joy to shine through us.



## Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, August 13, 2022



## Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Sabbath School Superintendent

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:45 a.m.

Sheri Bauer

James Hunt

### God's Family in Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Hymn of the Month: "Crowning Jewel of Creation"

Hymn 385

Welcome and Announcements, about 10:45 a.m.

Wally Remitz

Preparing our hearts for worship      Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer

Opening Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn 223

Scripture: Exodus 5:1-2 (see below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn      *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering:      Christian Record Services

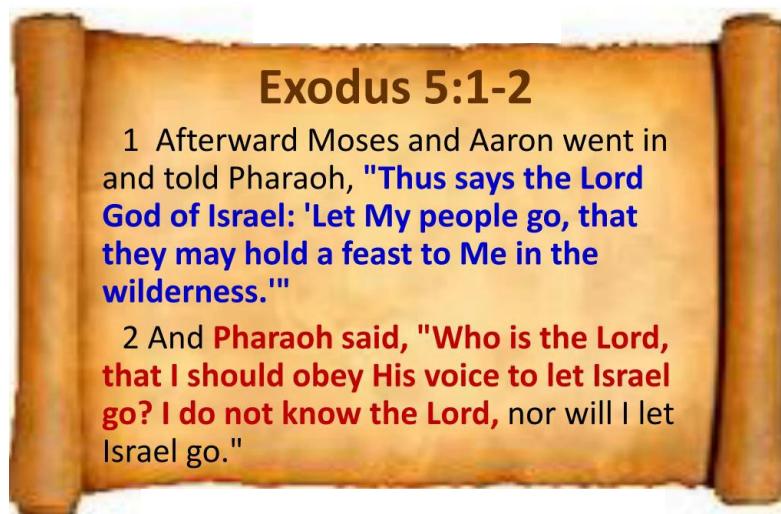
Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"      Hymn 694

Children's Story:      Judy Kjaer

Sermon:      **Liberty, Equality, Fraternity**      Pastor Kim Kjaer

Closing Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"      Hymn 229

Benediction



## Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please join us for potluck in the Fellowship Hall, following our service. Vegetarian/vegan contributions preferred.

**Upcoming Speakers:** August 20, Andrew McCrary  
August 27, Pastor Jason Worf, Communion Sabbath  
September 3, Jim Brackett

## Announcements

**Pastor Kim Kjaer, our guest speaker today**, is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister. Since his conversion in 1976, he has worked in health food/agriculture, Bible teaching, evangelism, radio/TV ministries, church planting, and pastoral ministry. Kim and his wife Judy have one daughter, one son-in-law, and four grandchildren.

**Today's morning offering:** Christian Record Services is a ministry of compassion to children and adults who are blind, with nearly 18,000 members around the world. Christian Record offers Bible study lessons, books, magazines and Bibles in audio, Braille, and large print. Members have the opportunity to deepen social, educational, and spiritual connections through PhoneFaith, scholarships for higher education and National Camps for Blind Children.

**Prayer Zoom with Ruthie Jacobsen and David Jamieson, August 29, 6:30 p.m.:** This will launch Vertical: 40 Days of Prayer for God's Vision.

To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83866903064?pwd=WjVXMVlkYnB2NXQ1R0FaUmhWWVZQT09>; Meeting ID: 838 6690 3064, Passcode: 139334

**Vertical: Praying God's Vision: Plan on participating and inviting others to participate in: The 40 Days of Prayer—September 1 to October 10.** Invite friends to sign up at: <https://www.uccsda.org/vertical> and look for "Join the Vertical Event." Those who receive *Praying Together* will receive daily reminders each day. This will include the passage in Acts and a commentary from either a local pastor or church leader or a hand-picked devotional.

### Musical Program at Sandpoint SDA

**Church, August 20:** Sheri Bauer requests that you mark your calendars.

**Special thanks to Jeff Sheller** for watering, setting timers, checking nozzles, and repairing the small leak in the main hose line for our plants and flowers

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request, please call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526.

**Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 8:15 p.m.; next Friday night: 8:05 p.m.**

