



**WE GATHER**  
**"DARE TO DANCE".**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Introduction** (Rev. Roni)

**Territorial Acknowledgment**

**Introit:**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

*(All the prayers for this week's service were adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual for July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, written by Mary Scifres)*

**Call to Worship:**

The earth is God's and everything in it,

**We belong to our God.**

Lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving

**We lift our voices in glory and honor to God.**

We pray to God:

**God of grace and glory,**

**Renew us with your presence this day.**

**As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise,**

**bless us with your glorious love**

**and your guiding light.**

**Strengthen us each and every hour,**

**through the power of your Holy Spirit**

**and the wisdom of your holy word.**

**In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** "Praise the Lord" VU#245

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us.**

**Where there is despair,**

**fill us with hope.**

**Where there is sorrow,**

**fill us with comfort.**

**Where there is fear,**

**fill us with joy,**

**Where there is sin,**

**forgive us.**

**When our hearts are weighed down with sadness,  
teach us to dance. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

The Spirit will guide our steps and we will dance again.

**Piano Solo:** "Dance with the Spirit" MV#156

**Prayer of Preparation:** (Rev. Roni)

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Open our hearts and minds and lives to your wisdom  
through this holy word. Amen.**

**Psalm 24**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it;

for he has founded it on the seas,

and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false,

and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,

the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory.

## 2 Samuel 6: 1-16

### David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> He and all his men went to Baalah<sup>[a]</sup> in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name,<sup>[b]</sup> the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. <sup>3</sup> They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God on it,<sup>[c]</sup> and Ahio was walking in front of it. <sup>5</sup> David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets,<sup>[d]</sup> harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals. <sup>6</sup> When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup> The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

<sup>8</sup> Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?" <sup>10</sup> He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup> The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.

<sup>12</sup> Now King David was told, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. <sup>13</sup> When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, <sup>15</sup> while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

<sup>16</sup> As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

*One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church!*

*All: Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.*

**Sermon:** "Dare to Dance". (Rev. Roni)

Piano Solo: "And On this Path" MV#8

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Announcements:** (Rev. Roni)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**Offertory Blessing:**

**Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us  
to reflect your glory.**

**For claiming us as your own with all of creation,  
we give you thanks and praise.**

**As you receive these gifts and offerings,  
receive us also.**

**Blessing all together,  
that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing  
that honours and glorifies you. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Memory Candle:**

**Prayers of the People:**

### SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

**Hymn:** "Come, O Fount" VU#559

**Commissioning and Benediction:** (Rev. Roni)

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*God's service in community continues!*

*Go forth with the Spirit's Power!*

**Go now in peace:**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**Postlude:**



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