

# New Birth, Living Hope, Glorious Joy

1 Peter 1:3-9

Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN

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**Prelude - Bach D Major 532 (excerpt) - Joel Bejot, organ**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer - Amy Long**

**Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy" #113 in blue hymnal - Naomi Getsch, piano**

Verse 1

*Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity*

Verse 2

*Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art  
And evermore shalt be*

Verse 3

*Holy holy holy  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power  
In love and purity*

Verse 4

*Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity*

**Scripture Readings - Amy Long**

**Psalm 16 (NIV)**

**1**

Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.

**2**

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

**3**

I say of the holy people who are in the  
land,

"They are the noble ones in whom is all  
my delight."

**4**

Those who run after other gods will suffer  
more and more.

I will not pour out libations of blood to  
such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.

**5**  
Lord, you alone are my portion and my  
cup;  
you make my lot secure.

**6**  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in  
pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

**7**  
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

**8**  
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be  
shaken.

**9**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue  
rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

**10**  
because you will not abandon me to the  
realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see  
decay.

**11**  
You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your  
presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right  
hand.

### **John 20:19-22 (NIV)**

**19** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**21** Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

### **Special Music - "Ride On, King Jesus" - Minnetonka Chamber Choir**

*Arranged by Moses Hogan; Roger Satrang Hoel, Director; Patricia McPherson, Accompanist*

### **Sermon - "New Birth, Living Hope, Glorious Joy" - Pastor Ben**

#### ***1 Peter 1:3-9 New International Version (NIV)***

**3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. **7** These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, **9** for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Hymn - "How Great Thou Art" #8 - Naomi Getsch, piano**

Verse 1

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

**Benediction - Pastor Ben**

**Postlude - Bach D Major 532 (excerpt) - Joel Bejot, organ**

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Music Notes

*It's a delight to welcome some virtual special guests to today's service. Organist **Joel Bejot** received his Master's Degree at Denver University while my husband Nathan was studying there. Joel and his wife Jessica became dear friends, sharing weekly meals and helping us as we became first time parents. Jessica is currently in week 4 of fighting COVID-19. The **Minnetonka Chamber Choir** was one of many ensembles in the nation's largest community music association, founded by Dr. Roger Hoel. Naomi (Getsch) Bird sang with them from 1999-2002, visiting many local churches to provide special music. The hymn accompaniment music was recorded 16 years ago in Naomi's family living room as part of a CD gift for friends to use in their home church, much as you are today.*

*God bless you as you worship remotely! ~Naomi Bird*