

**St. Paul's United CHURCH, Midland, On.
Sunday, February 27, 2021
Holy Humour Sunday
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Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Bruce Wilcox**



MURPHY'S LAW: "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

CALL TO THE GATHERED AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" sung by Shayla Brown

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: "Take Time to be Funny" to the tune "Take Time to be Holy"
sung by Philip Cable

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word

For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.

Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.

For humour is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on and rejoice in life's ride.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND SERMON:

HYMN: Give to Us Laughter VU#624 Vs. 1
Words: Walter Farquharson, 1974 Music: Ron Klusmeier



**Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.**

HOLY HUMOUR MOMENT: Bulletin Bloopers

HYMN: Give to Us Laughter VU#624 Vs. 2

**Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
Let us in laughing find Christian employ,
Joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
Laughing and praising and sharing delights.**

HOLY HUMOUR MOMENT: St. Paul's Worship Bloopers

HYMN: Give to Us Laughter VU#624 Vs. 3

**Why do we worry that we will lose face?
Why act like king for the whole human race?
Often in family, and often with friend,
Laughing at pride causes anguish to end.**

HOLY HUMOUR MOMENT: Comic Funnies

HYMN: Give to Us Laughter VU#624 Vs. 4

**Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
Laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God give us laughter and God give us peace.
Joys of your presence among us increase.**

HOLY HUMOUR MOMENT: Highlights of the Olympics

REMINDER ABOUT GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE