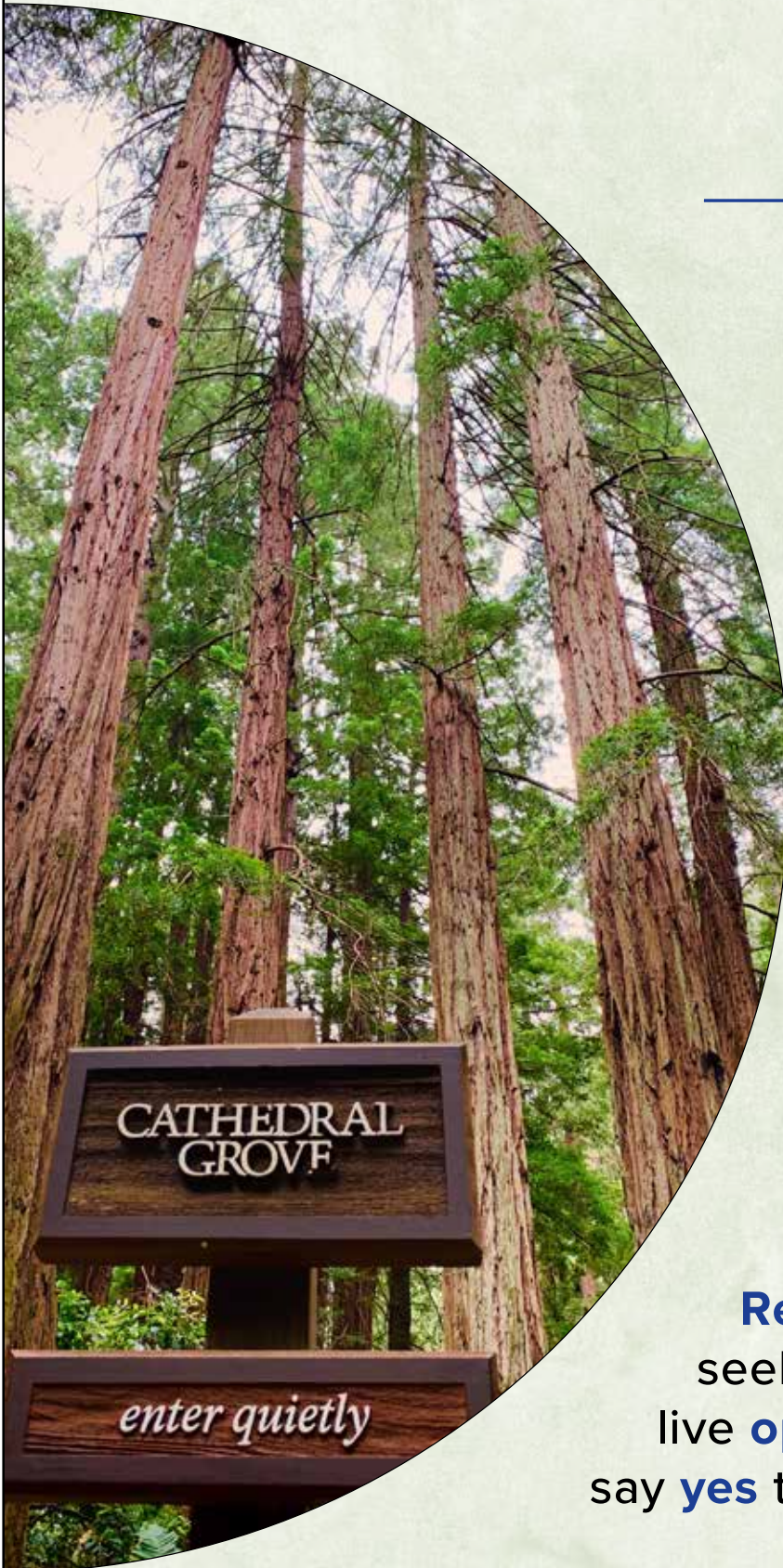


Resounding JOY —CHURCH—



ResoundingJoy Church
seeks to center on **Jesus**,
live **open** to all people, and
say **yes** to Jesus' call to serve.



September 14, 2025

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Sharon Suder

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a
violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,
and a tongue rested on each of them.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4a)

**All: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people;
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn*

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

Hymn #289

Praying Together

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change.
God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.
Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Presence

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

Response of Gratitude* **“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

Hymn #582

Prayer for Illumination



Scripture Reading	Acts 2:1-4, 17-24, 37-42	
Message	Church 101 — Rooted Together	Rev. Dr. Edward Goode
Hymn*	“Come Christians Join to Sing”	Hymn #267
Offertory	“Spirit of Mercy, Truth, and Love”	<i>by Howard Helvey</i>
Offertory Response*	“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”	Hymn #240 (vs.4)
Prayer of Dedication		
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, page 35
Hymn*	“In Christ There is No East or West”	Hymn #317
Benediction Response*	“May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go With You”	
Postlude		

***All who are able may stand.**

Boldface Print indicates sung or spoken participation by the congregation.

Session advises that you may be part of our Facebook broadcast.

Please turn off cell phones so those watching from home have uninterrupted livestream.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Organizing Pastor

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Ryan Hamilton, Digital Coordinator

Announcements

• Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

1:00 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Orientation

Monday, September 15

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 17

12:00 p.m. Wednesdays with Ed

Thursday, September 18

Friday, September 19

3:30 p.m. CHS Cross Country Dinner

Saturday, September 20

11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

• The Adult Sunday School Class

Meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please join us!

• Blog Updates

Pastor Ed will be posting weekly updates on the process of the merge on the blog section of the new website — you can find those updates at <https://resoundingjoy.church/blog>

• Membership Form

If you have not done so yet, please take some time to fill out the membership form for your commitment to RJC. The form is online at: <https://bit.ly/rjc-member> or you can fill out one of the paper copies you'll find in the Narthex and return it to the church office. Thank you!

• Fall Rummage Sale

The Church is currently running out of room to store Rummage Sale items. Please hang on to your donations until closer to the sale. **Rummage Sale dates are November 6-8.**



• Prayers

Friends, as we come together today, here are some prayers for our ministry together

– **Pray for** energy, intelligence, imagination, and love for all of us as we enter into new paths together

– **Pray for** the grief and sadness for changes that are felt deeply

– **Pray for** our new tree to take root and to grow along with us

– **Pray for** gratitude for the courage it took to enter into this venture for all of us

– **Pray for** those within our communities and those beyond our immediate congregation who are struggling in body, mind, heart, and spirit

• Giving to ResoundingJoy Church

Thank you for your generosity to support the ministry of our new direction! Please direct your giving to ResoundingJoy Church, 8735 Cheviot Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45251 if giving by mail. You can also give online via our new website at:

<https://resoundingjoy.church/give>. You can do a onetime gift by credit card or (after signing up for an account), you can set up regular giving from your credit card or bank account. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support!

• Expansive Ephesians

As we begin together as RJC, Pastor Ed has created an online Bible study on the book of Ephesians centering on the expansive love of God and the expansive love we are called to have for one another and the world. You can find it at:

<https://resoundingjoy.church/expansive-ephesians>

There are eight sessions that are designed to be done at least daily for (just over) a week. The videos are each about five minutes (with two exceptions) and help guide you through understanding what Paul was saying back then and how it still speaks boldly and powerfully today.