

Resounding JOY —CHURCH—



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



September 21, 2025

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

David Denny

One: We are God's church:

All: We come together to worship.

One: God has given us the Word:

All: We come together to learn from him.

One: God has filled us with power:

All: We go out to bring others to him.

One: God has called us together as family:

All: We come together to share our lives.

One: God has put words on our lips:

All: We go out to tell the world about him.

One: God has given us the Spirit:

All: We come together to celebrate.

One: God has showered us with blessings:

All: We go out to share his goodness with others.

One: God has freed us from our past:

All: We come together to move forwards.

One: God has planned for us a glorious future:

All: We go out to live our lives to please him.

One: We are God's church:

All: We come together to worship.

Opening Prayer

Hymn*

"Come Live in the Light"

Hymn #749

Praying Together

Generous God, we thank You for the gift of Your Spirit and for the joy of being one body in Christ. You have given us teaching to guide us, fellowship to sustain us, bread to nourish us, and prayer to draw us close to You. We are grateful for the gladness of shared life, for the generosity that flows from Your love, and for the blessings that fill us with awe. Make us a community of gratitude and praise, so that all may see Your goodness in us. Amen.



Assurance of God's Presence

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

Hymn #582

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Message

Church 101 — What Grew the Church

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Hymn*

“For Everyone Born”

Hymn #769

Offertory

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Offertory Response*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymn #240 (vs.4)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Hymn*

“We are One in the Spirit”

Hymn #300

Benediction

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.

The leadership of the church advises that you may be a part of our online streaming service.

Please turn your cellphones to silent mode in order to not interrupt the service.

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Announcements

- **Week at a Glance**

- Sunday, September 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

- 10:30 a.m. Worship

- Monday, September 22**

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

- Tuesday, September 23**

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

- Wednesday, September 24**

- 12:00 p.m. Wednesdays with Ed

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

- Thursday, September 25**

- 10:00 a.m. Kissel Park Condo Assoc.

- Friday, September 26**

- 3:30 p.m. CHS Cross Country Dinner

- Saturday, September 27**

- 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!

- **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.

- **Ministry Night #1 -**

Wednesday, October 1, 6 p.m.

The Session has set the first Wednesday of each month as a ministry night. We hope to have our ministry teams meet on those evenings following a time of centering, growth, and devotion. We will begin at 6 p.m. and then break off into our teams. Don't know what team you want to serve on? Just show up. Open to serving in a new way? Just show up. Curious? Just show up.

- **Healing Service — Sunday, Sept. 28**

Our next Sunday together will have a focus on healing, drawn from the story of Acts 3. Healing is big word and it can mean physical healing but also emotional or spiritual healing. Healing may not always be manifest in a specific immediate transformation but can be sometimes as simple as someone speaking a need and another being present in prayer with them. So if you have some form of healing you are longing for, we encourage you to be here. As well, if there is someone in your life who has a need, please invite and bring them with you to the service.

- **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!

- **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!

- **Cole Arthur Riley**

October 25, 4 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church Cole Arthur Riley, author of "This Here Flesh and Black Liturgies," will be the featured speaker for the Tom York Lecture Series. She will be sharing from 4-5 p.m. with a 30 min. Q&R to follow. Ms. Riley is an amazing speaker, writer, activist, and hope-monger. You can register at knox.org/cole

- **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.**