

# Resounding JOY —CHURCH—



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



September 7, 2025

## Gathering

## Opening of the Doors

## Prelude

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

## Call to Worship *(from Psalm 84)*

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

**P: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

**P: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

L: They go from strength to strength;

**P: the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live anywhere else. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!**

## Dedication of the Worship Space

## Dedication of Musicians and Instruments

## Hymn\* #611

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

## Dedication of Bible and Pulpit

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading — Acts 1:1-11

## Sermon

**Church 101 — From a Seed...**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Hymn\* #697

**“Take My Life”**

## Dedication of the Baptismal Font



## **Dedication of the Gathered**

Sentences of Scripture  
Profession of Faith  
Confession of Faith (Apostles Creed)  
Thanksgiving for Baptism  
Exchange of Peace

## **Offering and Offertory**

**“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

*arr. Howard Helvey*

## **Prayer of Dedication\***

## **Dedication of the Communion Table and Vessels**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Blessing and the Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Distribution  
Closing Prayer

## **Hymn\* #80**

**“You Shall Go Out with Joy”**

## **Benediction\***

## **Postlude**

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**\*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.**

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## **CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**, Organizing Pastor

**Tammy Manger**, Church Administrator

**Brad Caldwell**, Music Director

**Michele Wright**, Communications Director

**Lori McDonough**, Worship Leader

**Ryan Hamilton**, Digital Coordinator

# Announcements

## • Week at a Glance

### Sunday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Launch of  
ResoundingJoy Church

### Monday, September 8

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### Tuesday, September 9

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 10

12:00 p.m. Wednesdays with Ed

### Thursday, September 11

### Friday, September 12

3:30 p.m. CHS Cross Country Dinner

### Saturday, September 13

11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

## • Forever Young

Forever Young is a social group for members of all ages that go out to lunch once a month for fellowship and fun. We will be meeting this **Friday, September 12 at 12:00 p.m. at Cracker Barrel**, 11993 Chase Plaza in Forest Park. Everyone is welcome!

## • 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://resoundingjoy.church/membership-form> 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

## • The Adult Sunday School Class

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

## • Wednesdays with Ed

This coming **Wednesday, September 10**, Rev. Ed will be at Northwest Community Church from 12-2 p.m. Stop by—no agenda—just conversation and coffee.

## • 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.