

This past Sunday was one of the funnest days of Worship I've had in a while. That's not to say every Sunday doesn't feel special, but this one had a special humorous feel. It didn't seem like a likely day for humor since it was a rainy dreary day, but then again, we were talking about a talking Donkey.. Whatever the reason, there was a feeling of good vibes and fun times. I guess that's what happens when God is with us.

For me personally the best part was when we tried to sing our hymns, especially our closing hymn, "I Will Celebrate." It was a new song for me, and it must have been for you all as well, because without our music leader Ron, we struggled to pick up the tune. Finally after, a couple of verses, Sue, our pianist for the service, pulled the plug on the song. As she wrapped up early, I heard someone exclaim, "Thank Goodness." I think that person was speaking for all of us.

What followed next was delightful, we all broke out in laughter. We had a shared recognition that none of us knew the song, it was beyond our capability to decipher, and continuing to try to sing it wasn't going to make it any better. Best to admit that we had failed, and laugh about it.

It says in Psalm 100 that we are to bring a joyous noise to the Lord, All too often we tie those verses to music and singing, Yet, I believe that to God, it was the laughter after the song that was the real music to God's ears. The laughter signified that we were comfortable enough with each other to try something and admit we couldn't pull it off, individually or together. As we say, we're an imperfect church for imperfect people.

In a society that places so much emphasis on success, the church is a place where we can fail, and still know that we are beloved children of God. Take comfort in knowing that God doesn't judge you by your successes, God cares about your attempts. If you fail the first time, dust yourself off, have a laugh, and try again.

I can't wait to see you well we do with this song next time we sing it.

Blessings, and prayers for a laugh filled week.