

2. *I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (to chorus)*

Bridge:

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.*

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Dancing

Raise a Toast

Sharing a Meal

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "We Will Extol You, God and King"

*We will extol you, God and King, and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise, forever and forever.*

Chorus: *One generation will call to the next:*

"Our God is good and his hand is strong!"

*All of the world sings his marvelous acts
and our voice will join with theirs in the song.*

*Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days, his greatness none could fathom.*

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WE Service

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Celebration is
delighting in
circumstances,
relationships, and
occasions that
help us remember
God's abundant
goodness, creativity,
faithfulness, beauty,
and love.



"Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high."

—Henri Nouwen in *Following Jesus*

Gather

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Review: What Are Faith Practices?

We Confess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God, st. 1-6

*Opening Song: "Come, People of the Risen King"

**1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise:
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

*Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.** (chorus)

**3. Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!"** (chorus)

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Grow

Celebration Proclamations

Zephaniah 3:17

"The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."

I proclaim: If God celebrates us, then we are worth celebrating.

Psalm 150:1-2,6

Praise the Lord!

Praise Him in His temple.

Praise Him beneath massive skies, under moonlit stars and rising sun.

Praise Him for His powerful acts, redeeming His people.

Praise Him for His greatness that surpasses our time and understanding.

No one should be left out;

let every man and every beast—

every creature that has the breath of the Lord—praise the Lord!

I proclaim: No one should be left out of a celebration!

Luke 15:6-7, 9-10, 23-24

"Celebrate with me. I have found my sheep that was lost. Let's party!"

"Celebrate with me. I have found the coin I lost. Let's party!"

"Celebrate with me," says the father. "This son of mine was lost and now is found. Let's party!"

I proclaim: God loves a good party! In fact, the Kingdom of God is like a party.

Psalm 78:4

We will not hide these truths from our descendants;

we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,

his power, and the wonders he has done.

I proclaim: It is a good faith practice to celebrate together and to testify to each other that the Lord is good.

Writing and Testify at Your Table

Tree of Life Squares Activity

Song: "Goodness of God"

**1. I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Chorus:

**All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.**

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