



Strathmore United Church
February 5, 2023
Rev. Pamela Scott

Welcome and announcements:

Psalm Reading: Psalm 119: 105

Lighting of the Candles:

Prayer:

L: God of Delight, we give you thanks for good humor and joy!
Open our eyes to the light of possibilities, even when the day
ahead holds difficulties.

P: Be with us, near us, beside us. Amen.

♪♪ Hymn: Give to us Laughter *VU #624

Prayer before Scripture:

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4 NRSVUE

♪♪ Hymn: Joy Comes with the Dawn *VU #166

Sermon:

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer:

**P: Open unto me, light for my darkness, strength for my
weakness peace for my turmoil. Open unto me, O God.**

Minute for Mission:

The Offering Invitation:

♪♪ Sung Dedication: We Give Our Thanks (V 1 & 5) *MV #187

We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God.

We give our hearts to you,
We give our hearts to you,
We give our hearts to you,
because you first loved us.

Prayer of Dedication:

Practices for the Week:

♪♪ Hymn:

Take Time to Be Funny

Tune: "Take Time to Be Holy

*VU #672

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.

Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.

Old Sarah and Abram – a child they lacked
But God's angels promised and she birthed Isaac
In Hebrew that's "laughter", go check if you want
Genesis Seven-teen is where it is found.

For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.

— authorship unknown. Suggested tune: “Take time to be holy”

Benediction:

Passing the Peace of Christ:

May the peace of Christ be with youAnd also with you!

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the
service!*

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