



GATHERING & WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Cathlin Davis, harp

*– arr. Jason W. King
Odalys Caro, piano*

WELCOME

Pastor

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Invitation

Liturgist

Threshold Song

"Thy Word"

RED #601

Responsive Prayer

All

Sung Response

"Thy Word" (refrain)

RED #601

OPENING HYMN

"Give To Us Laughter"

see insert/screen
Tune: "Be Thou My Vision"

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

All

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSVUE)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

*– arr. Cathlin Davis
Cathlin Davis, harp*

SERMON

"SAD, Part III: Lighten Up"

Rev. Debra Brady

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn

"Open Unto Me"

see insert/screen

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

All

Sung Response

"Open Unto Me" (vs. 3)

see insert/screen

NEXT STEPS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Invitation

Pastor

Offertory

"To A Wild Rose"

*– by Edward MacDowell
Cathlin Davis, harp*

Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

RED #95

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

SENDING FORTH

HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

RED #398, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

BENEDICTION

Pastor

RECESSIONAL

"As A Fire is Meant for Burning"

BLK #2237, vs. 1

POSTLUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"

*– arr. Jason W. King
Odalys Caro, piano*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....	Roger Smith
Pianist	Odalys Caro
Percussion	Dan Bryan
Song Leaders.....	Cathlin Davis, Carl Morris
Greeters	Bonnie Mayberry, Ted & Linny Schut
Ushers	Dick Shanks & Richard Stone (Head Ushers) Dale Deadmond, Brian & Felicia Redden

MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor.....	Rev. Debra Brady
Minister of Congregational Care	Liz Oakes
Youth Director	Joni Cisowski
Director of Communications	Barbara Tregoa
Administrative Assistant	Krista Serpa
Director of Music	Arvin Berner
Pianist	Odalys Caro
Audio/Visual Technician	Austin Buckles
Live Stream Technician	Jagger Simas
Executive Administrator	Susan E. Martin
Tiny Tots Director	Barbara Alvarado
Central Valley District Superintendent	Rev. David Niu
Interim Bishop of the California-Nevada Conference	Bishop Sally Dyck

The altar flowers today are given by Sally Pratt, in celebration of God's blessings for 80 years, and God's promise of continued faithfulness!

Altar flowers provided by



Prayer Hymn: "Open Unto Me"

tune: OPEN UNTO ME
text source: Howard Thurman

text treatment & tune: Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

♩ = 76

D(add2) B♭9(#11) Csus4 C D(add2)

O - pen un - to me light for my dark - ness. Light for my dark - ness
O - pen un - to me strength for my weak - ness. Strength for my weak - ness
O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil. Peace for my tur - moil

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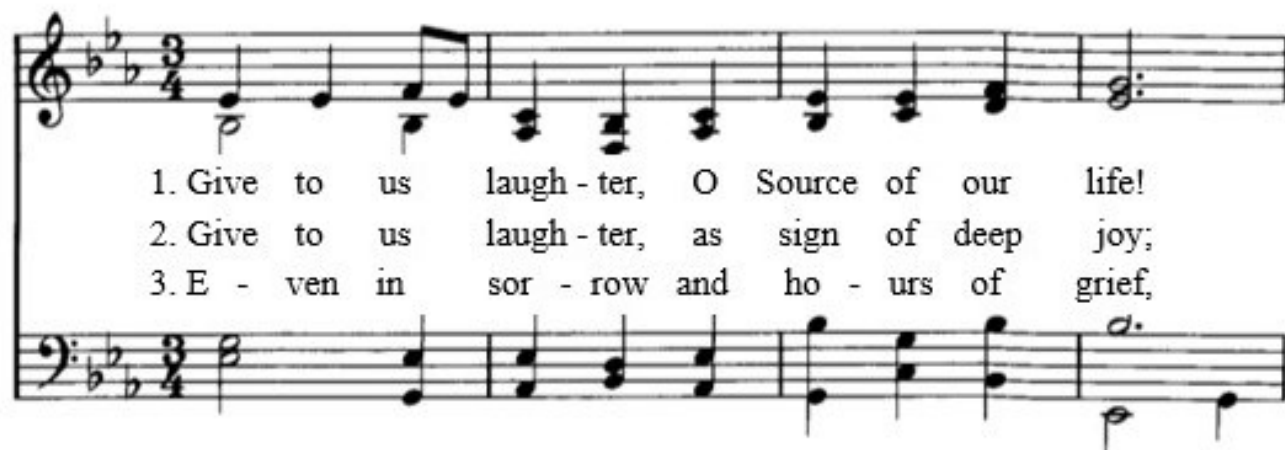
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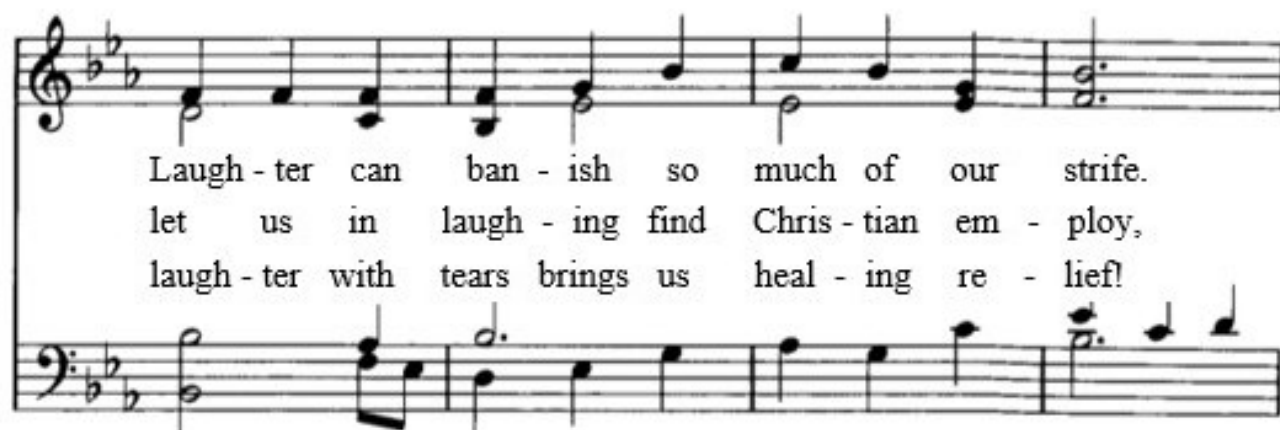
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Opening Hymn: "Give To Us Laughter"

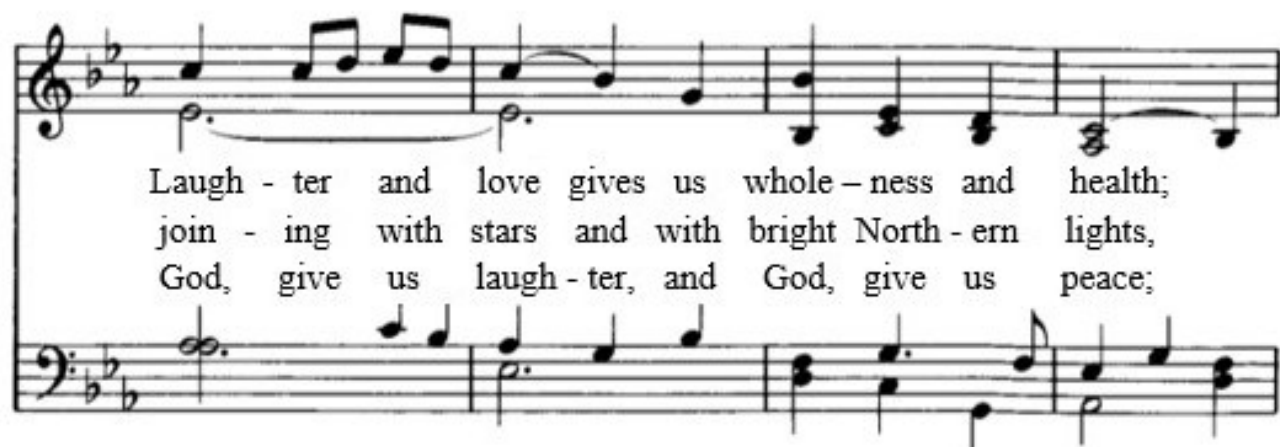
Tune: "Be Thou My Vision"



1. Give to us laugh - ter, O Source of our life!
2. Give to us laugh - ter, as sign of deep joy;
3. E - ven in sor - row and ho - urs of grief,



Laugh - ter can ban - ish so much of our strife.
let us in laugh - ing find Chris - tian em - ploy,
laugh - ter with tears brings us heal - ing re - lief!

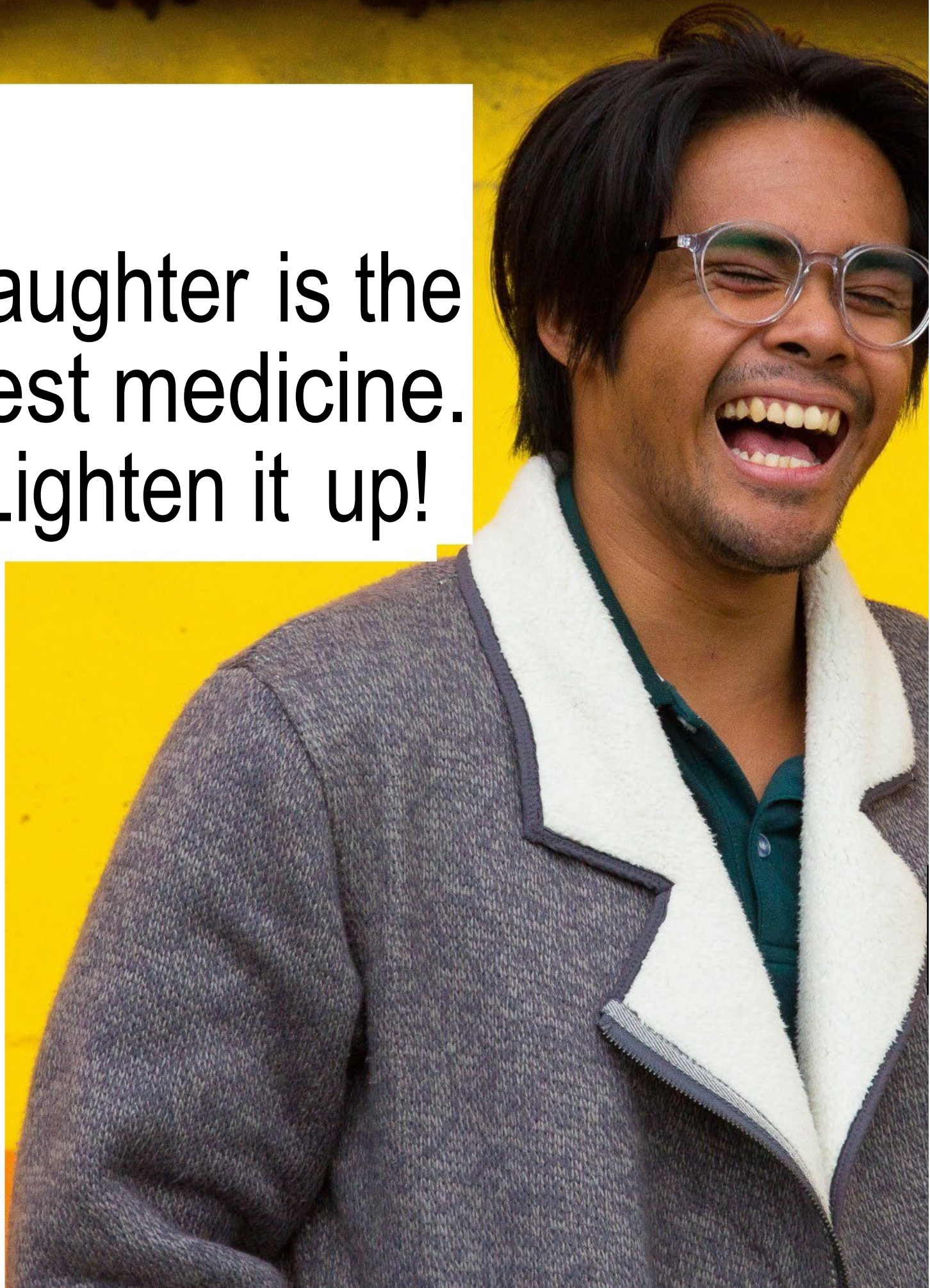


Laugh - ter and love gives us whole - ness and health;
join - ing with stars and with bright North - ern lights,
God, give us laugh - ter, and God, give us peace;



laugh - ter and love are the coin of true wealth.
laugh - ing and prai - sing and shar - ing de - lights.
joy of your pro - mise a - mong us in - crease.

Laughter is the
best medicine.
Lighten it up!



Suggestions for Laughter Possibilities

Place this card somewhere where you will see it every day and remember to expose yourself to something funny throughout the week (remember that if you don't feel like laughing, it is OK...whether you laugh or not, seeing others laugh has benefits).

Some ideas are:

- google "funny animal videos" or babies laughing
- find a movie you've laughed at before and view it
- find a stand-up comedy show to attend or watch
- gather with friends and family and tell funny memory stories

God of Delight,

**I give you thanks for good humor and joy!
Open my eyes to the light of possibilities,
even when the day ahead holds difficulties.**

Be with me, near me, beside me.

Amen.