### **Welcome to Joy Community Fellowship**

In obedience to Hebrews 10:24-25, we assemble on the first day of the week to worship God and to encourage each other. Our service is designed to introduce you, or to renew you, in the Gospel, which is the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

## April 21, 2024

# We have gathered this morning to worship the God of all grace

### Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1-4

As creatures made in God's image, we exist to bring Him praise and glory.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Praise God By Faith

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:1-15 (Pew Bible p. 613)

**Prayer of Confession** 

Because we have all fallen short of His glory, we humbly confess our sins to God, assured that Jesus has secured forgiveness for all who confess and rely on His perfect sacrifice.

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 3:23-25a

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

It Was Finished Upon that Cross Grace Greater than All Our Sin

# Pastoral Prayer of Intercession Offering

## **Amazing Grace**

**Sermon: A More Accurate Way** (Acts 18:18-28)

The 41st sermon in a series through the Book of Acts: O Church, Arise.

<sup>18</sup> After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. <sup>19</sup> And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup> When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. <sup>21</sup> But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

<sup>22</sup> When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

<sup>24</sup> Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. <sup>27</sup> And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, <sup>28</sup> for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

#### All I Have Is Christ

### **Benediction**

After the benediction, all are invited to stay for fellowship, conversation, and prayer.