

"Sing to the Lord with joyful voice!"

Isaac Watts, 1719
JERUSALEM

v. 3, David Gambrell, 2015
C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916



Sing to the Lord with joy-ful voice! Sing as the chil-dren of his
Come, let us serve be-fore his throne, sa-cred our joy and great our
Come, sing and share the love of God! Let ev-ery word and deed pro-



care. Let ev-ery land blend cheer-ful noise with glo-rious sing-ing ev-ery
awe. We know the Lord is God a-lone; his ho-ly word is per-fect
claim the migh-ty things that God has done, the gift of life in Je-sus'



where. We'll near his gates with thank-ful songs; high as the heav'n the sound be
law. Wide as the world is his com-mand; vast as e-ter-ni-ty his
name. This is our hope, this is our faith; from age to age, this is our



raised un-til the earth's ten thou-sand tongues fill heav'nly courts with all our praise.
love. Firm as a rock God's truth shall stand, when roll-ing years shall cease to move.
call: to show the glo-ry of the Lord and share the love of Christ for all.

Our Centennial Hymn

Sing to the Lord with Joyful Voice was selected as our Centennial Hymn because it was written in 1916, the year our church was founded, and is a setting of Psalm 100, which inspired our Centennial theme, “Sharing God’s Love, Generation to Generation.” The hymn tune JERUSALEM was composed by Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), a noted British composer. It is well known in England with its original text by William Blake, “And did those feet in ancient times.” This setting is the unofficial hymn of the United Kingdom, equivalent to our *America the Beautiful*. The first two verses are by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), a British minister, whose hundreds of hymns, including *Joy to the World*, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, have been staples in Protestant worship.

The third verse has been composed for our Centennial Celebration by The Rev. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Theology and Worship and author of more than a dozen hymns. Here is his interpretation of the words:

“Come, sing and share ...” repeats the first words of the Isaac Watts stanzas.

“... share the love of God!” reflects Harvey Browne Church’s Centennial theme.

“Let every word and deed proclaim ...” reflects the part of our church’s mission statement that calls us to share our beliefs and put our faith into practice.

“... the mighty things that God has done...” reflects the part of our mission statement that calls us to honor the past.

“... the gift of life in Jesus’ name.” reflects the part of our mission statement that calls us to share our beliefs.

“This is our hope, this is our faith; ...” reflects the part of our mission statement that calls us to seek new ways to grow in faith.

“... from age to age, this is our call: ...” reflects our Centennial theme of sharing God’s love generation to generation.

“... to show the glory of the Lord ...” reflects the part of our mission statement that seeks to glorify God.

“... and share the love of Christ for all.” Recaps our Centennial theme of sharing God’s love and the part of our mission statement that seeks to show our love for one another.