

**Joyful in Hope – 34 – April 25, 2020**  
**(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”  
Romans 12:9

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**Hooray! It's Saturday!**

With the Governor's renewed Stay at Home order, came some easing of restrictions, particularly regarding outside activities. So today, as the temperatures finally leaned toward 60 degrees, and the rain was held at bay, the landscapers and lawn mowers were out in full force. So good to see, and hear. I didn't check what was going on at the golf course, but I'm sure they were doing a brisk business. I just hope everybody respected the rules when putting for less than six feet.

This beautiful spring day reminded me of an old hymn we used to sing, affirming the beauty of God's creation. Here it is:

**For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the Love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of heaven, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of heaven, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of heaven, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

**For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of heaven, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

**For each perfect Gift of Thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and Divine,  
Flowers of earth, and buds of Heaven:  
Lord of heaven, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

**For Thy Bride that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her Pure Sacrifice of Love:  
Lord of heaven, to Thee we raise  
This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

Take a minute right now, and thank God for his creative imagination, who has blessed us with the wonders of this world.

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Heritage Worship: Hope you'll join us for worship tomorrow. Any time after 10 am, go to You Tube, and type in: Heritage Church Clawson His Banner Over Us.