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He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)

with

Rejoice, the Lord Is King



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Optional Scripts

SWEETER AS THE DAYS GO BY

A Musical Celebrating Our Christian Journey

SONG: "He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates) with Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

NARRATOR: Enter His gates with thanksgiving! Luter His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and praise His Name! These words of the psalmist can be our words today. May we always be known as a people of praise; a people who acknowledge God in every aspect of life. (Intro to "Let It Be Said of Us" begins) Fighting the fight, finishing the course, keeping the faith. Let it be said of us that we were God's people!

SONG: "Let It Be Said of Us"

NARRATOR: In times of do ab in times of uncertainty, in times of fear, we all need a place of safety, a place of security, a place of refuge. Not a temporary shelter, but an eternal hiding place. (Intro to "Rock of Ages" begins) O lead me to the Rock that is higher than Llead me to the Rock of Ages.

SONG: "Rock of Ages"

NARRATOR: Along this journey of life with its joys and trials, its ups and downs, its celebrations and heartaches, some things remain constant. In fact, some things get better with time. They get richer with age. My friend, that's the life with Jesus ... sweeter as the days go by!

SONG: "Sweeter as the Days Go By"

NARRATOR: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22, 23 NIV) Looking back over the years of our lives, it's encouraging to see that God has been with us all the way. Despite our stumbling, despite our doubt, we've never been alone. He has promised never to leave us. Great is His faithfulness.

SONG: "Never Once with Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SONG: "It Is No Secret"

NARRATOR: God's magnificent power is seen in all of creation. And His transforming power is seen in the lives of those who put their trust in Him. Your name is probably on a lot of lists. Sometimes our names are added to a list; sometimes they're removed from a list. But Cod's Word assures us that once we receive His Son as Savior, our names are written down in a book that no one can change. Isn't that good news?

SONG: "A New Name in Glory with Just Over in the Gloryland"

NARRATOR: Yes, the Christian he is a journey – a journey from this earthly realm to the heavenly Kingdom Thank God, we're not on this journey alone. He's with us every step of the way ... with you and with me.

Let's pray. Thank you Lord, for being with us at this very moment and through every day of our lives. Thank You for the strength You provide and for the Promise You've given haver to leave us or to forsake us. (Intro to "The Longer I Serve Him" begins) Thank You for the sweet, sweet presence of Jesus. Amen.

SONG: "The Longer I Serve Him"

(As an optional Finale, you may wish to repeat the opening song, "He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates) with Rejoice, the Lord is King," inviting the congregation to join in.)

MY COUNTRY, MY HOME

A Patriotic Musical

SONG: "This Is My Country"

NARRATOR: (spoken dry, no music) America! My country, my home Blessed by God and protected by His hand. A nation unified in its diversity, rich in its heritage, and committed to freedom.

But have we forgotten what it means to be "one nation under God"? Have we neglected the "blessings of liberty" that only He can provide? Have we forsaken His Word, His Way?

SONG: "God Will Bless America Again"

NARRATOR: (over intro) If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my/ace and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

NARRATOR: (spoken dry) We celebrate America not only as a land of freedom, but as a land of opportunity. We all enjoy the freedom to live and to move as we please. And we all enjoy the opportunity to see our dreams come true. But with these liberies dome great responsibility – the responsibility to pause, to remember, to give thanks to the One from whom all blessings flow.

God of our Fathers, it's Your hand that has led us in the past, and by Your grace You'll guide us in the days to come. Refresh us, renew us, strengthen our nation to the honor and glory of Your Name. Lead on, O King eternal! Amen.

SONG: "God of Our Fathers with Lead On, O King Eternal"

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