Title: Shout for Joy to the Lord

Scripture: <u>Psalm 100</u> By Pastor Benjamin Yu

I. Introduction

- Memorial Day
 - <u>Deuteronomy 32:7,</u> "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you."
- Worship Music
- Name that tune
- The priority of Worship
- Why is worship one of the highest priorities of worship? What examples do find in the Bible? Today?

II. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth

- Voices with the force of a trumpet blast
- Exuberant exclamation
- The Day of the Lord

III. Serve the Lord with gladness

- Worship service
- Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- What ways are you serving the Lord each day, each week, and each month? How can we be more focused on serving Him?

IV. Come before Him with joyful songs

- Make a joyful noise
- Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- <u>John 1:12</u>, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**. 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

V. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His, we are His people, the sheep of His pasture

- Psalm 139:13-16, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."
- Intelligent Design

- How do we feel knowing we were created?
- VI. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him & praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations."
 - Gates or Doors create a transition from one place to another.
 - His love endures forever
 - Navigator writer, Becky Brodin: "What would my life look like if I lived it really believing that I was really loved?" Here are several outcomes:
 - 1. I'd love people more easily.
 - 2. I'd have more confidence in who God created me to be.
 - 3. I'd celebrate the achievements of others more quickly
 - 4. I'd accept other's flaws with more grace.
 - 5. I'd have more freedom to risk.
 - 6. I'd worship God with greater joy.
 - 7. I'd be more thankful.
 - How would you live your life today knowing God loves you forever?