

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" Psalm 103:1*

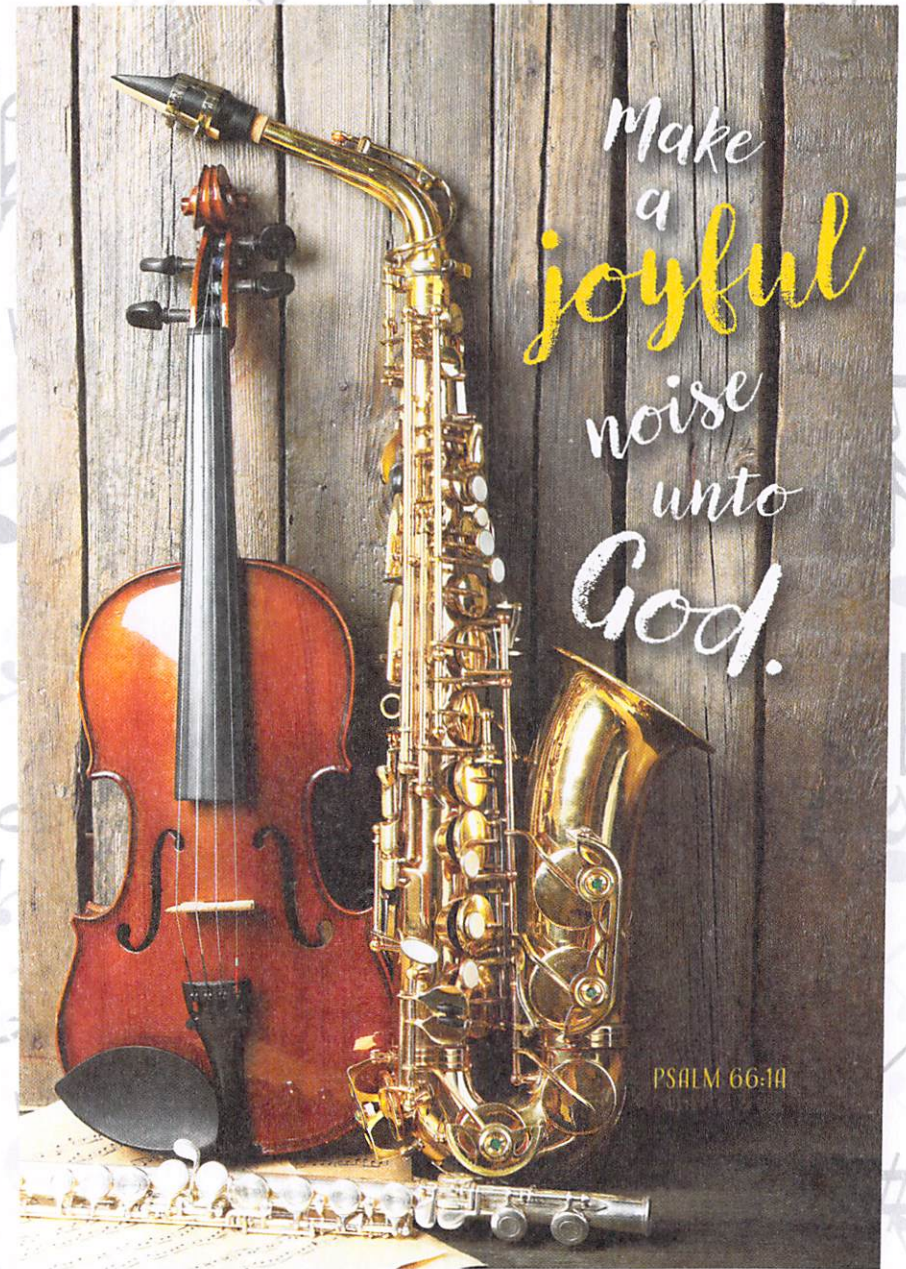
In describing Charles Haddon Spurgeon's classic devotional book, its current publisher says, "For more than 150 years, Morning and Evening has provided millions of readers encouragement, challenge, and thought-provoking insight from the pen of one of history's most beloved preachers, Charles H. Spurgeon. Spurgeon's sermons and other writing have touched countless lives, and his insight into perseverance through times of trial while relying on God's immeasurable strength still speaks to readers today."

In that book Spurgeon wrote, "A living, loving gospel sermon, however unlearned in matter and uncouth in style, is better than the finest discourse devoid of unction and power. A living dog keeps better watch than a dead lion, and is of more service to his master; and the poorest spiritual preacher is infinitely to be preferred to the exquisite orator who has no wisdom but that of words, no energy but that of sound. The like holds good of our prayers and other religious exercises; if we are quickened in them by the Holy Spirit, they are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ, though we may think them to be worthless things; while our grand performances in which our hearts were absent, like dead lions, are mere carrion in the sight of the living God. O for living groans, living sighs, living despondencies, rather than lifeless songs and dead calms."

We ought always to do our best for Jesus, but our best will never be perfect, and Spurgeon's point is well-taken, that our praise should be a living praise, a joyful noise flowing from a heart of gratitude. Your musical talent might matter if you're singing an opera aria or the national anthem at a sporting event, but gathered together with God's people for worship, He is pleased when we praise Him whole-heartedly, though our praise may be simply "a joyful noise."

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**KULM BAPTIST CHURCH  
KULM, ND**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRAISE AND PRAYER TIME**

**SCRIPTURE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 92:1,2, & 4**

**#5 I SING PRAISES  
SHOUT TO THE LORD  
#121 HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME**

**PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE OFFERING**

**KNOWING YOU**

**WORSHIP IN THE WORD-PASTOR CHRIS  
EXODUS 3:16-22**

**A CALL TO ACTION: GOD EQUIPS US FOR HIS PURPOSE  
(See bulletin insert)**

**DOXOLOGY AS PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE FOOD**

**BENEDICTION**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Following the service is a pot luck lunch. Alphas set up & serve, Omegas will clean up.

Following the lunch will be our Annual Meeting.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, February 12

10:00 am Women's Ministries

Hostess: Judy; Bible Study Leader: Pat

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**Praise & Prayer Requests**

Continued prayers for Pat.

Pray that Sophia can get an appointment soon at Mayo Clinic for heart and lung issues.

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Offering for January 19, General Fund Total \$640.00

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Happy Birthday January 28 to Eliana S. The Lord Bless you on your special day!

## **A Call to Action: God Equips Us for His Purposes**

**Bible Passage: Exodus 3:16–22**

**God Equips Us Through His**

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**(Exodus 3:16-20)**

**God Equips Us Through His**

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**(Exodus 3:16-17)**

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**(Exodus 3:21-22)**

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**(Exodus 3:16-18)**

How does God demonstrate his sovereignty through the events described in Exodus 3:16-22?

In what ways did God equip Moses for his mission to lead the Israelites?

What does the passage teach us about the importance of obedience to God's call?