



ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 19, 2023

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Come, Christians Join to Sing” (UMH #158)

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

Singing for evermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The glory of God shines radiantly.

People: **God's glory shines in the face of Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: The presence of God descends like a bright cloud.

People: **God proclaims: this is my Son, the Beloved, listen to Him.**

All: **Praise be to God, our vision and our strength.**

Act of Praise – “Glory be to the Father” (UMH #70)

Glory Be to the Father

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joyful Voices – “Deep and Wide”

Sacrament of Baptism – *Josephine Petrilla (Poll)*

****Introduction***

****Presentation of Candidates***

****Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith***

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****To Congregation***

***Pastor:** Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?*

Congregation: We do.

***Pastor:** Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?*

Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

***Pastor:** Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. Do you believe in God the Father?*

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

***Pastor:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

****Thanksgiving Over the Water***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their Children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Congregation: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Congregation: Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water, and Josephine, who receives it; to wash away her sin, and clothe her in righteousness, throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ she may share in His final victory!

Congregation: All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

****Baptism with Laying On of Hands***

Congregation: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

****Commendation and Welcome***

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Josephine to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

Hymn - "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" v1,3,7 (The Faith We Sing #2051)

I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Scripture Lesson – 2 Peter 1:16-21

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, a mere moment in the light of your glory reveals how you alone are righteous and good. We have seen your beauty and experienced your grace as you reign over all creation. Lord, we truly want to live according to your desires. We want to reflect your goodness and faithfully follow the way your Son revealed. Yet we often resist, continuing to pursue our selfish and sinful ways. Forgive us, O God. Transform us now, such that our lives may shine with your goodness and extend your grace to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – "Angus Dei" - (Lamb of God)

Offering

Doxology – "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn – "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (UMH #173)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,

Christ, the true, the only light,

Sun of Righteousness arise,

triumph o'er the shades of night;

Dayspring from on high, be near;

Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn

unaccompanied by thee;

joyless is the day's return,

till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Sermon - "About The Vision..."

Text: Matthew 17:1-9

Hymn - "Be Thou My Vision" (UMH #451)

Benediction

Congregational Response – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
look full in His wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

Postlude

Dismissal

Brian Barber, Organist
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM