



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 27, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Holy, Holy, Holy” (UMH #64)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!

All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: God leads the humble in what is right.

Pastor: Turn our hearts toward your mercy and justice,

People: Strengthen us to extend your goodness and compassion.

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who trust in the Lord.

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.

Affirmation of Faith - “The Apostles’ Creed” (UMH #881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

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. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Colossians 1:15-23

Message in Music – Jeff Cartwright

Prayer of Confession

Ever-faithful God, we see how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant with us. We run from you, but you call us back. We dishonor you with words and deeds, yet you steadfastly love us. We cut ourselves off from you and those near us, but you will not let us go. Cleanse our hearts, and forgive us for our selfish ways, such that we grow in our faithfulness to you and reveal to all people the power of the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

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 – "Seek Ye First" (UMH #405)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Sermon – “Bargaining with God: Justice, Righteousness, and God’s
Desire to Save”

Text: Genesis 18:20-32

Hymn – “Standing on the Promises” v1,2,4 (UMH #374)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Lynne Tomlinson
Piano: Brian Barber

St. John's Staff

Lead Pastor - Rev. Brad Leight
Pastoral Associate - Ruth Portzline, CLM
Director of Children's Ministries – Rev. Megan Berkebile
Director of Youth and Family Ministries - John-Thomas (JT) Crockett
Director of Music Ministries - Roy Nelson

Contemporary Worship Leader, Keyboard Accompanist - Alissa
Nelson

Church Administrator - Lou Lescas
Office Clerical Coordinator - Ellie Shahr

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