



ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 28, 2024
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Lift High the Cross” (UMH #159)

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.

Come, Christians,
follow this triumphant sign.
the hosts of God in unity combine.

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.

Each newborn servant
of the Crucified bears
on the brow the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw the world to thee.

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Beloved, let us love one another.

People: Love is from God; since God loved us, we are to love one another.

Pastor: As we love each other, God's love is perfected in us.

People: By God's Spirit, we abide in God and God abides in us.

All: Come, let us worship and praise God: Father, Son, and Spirit.

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.

Ring of Faith – “Celtic Grace”

Scripture Lesson – John 15:1-8

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have seen and experienced the love you have for us, most fully revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Though we've experienced your grace, we confess that we have not abided in the goodness of your love. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism, and have cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, O God. Restore and renew us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – “Thy Word”

Offering

Doxology - “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” (UMH #95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – “The Gift of Love” (UMH #408)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Sermon – “Love Abides”

Text – I John 4:7-16

Benediction

Congregational Response: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on m
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Postlude

Today’s Worship Leaders Include:

Amy Cons, Scripture Reader
Pat Guth, Guest Organist
Alissa Nelson, Choir Director
Tammy Skiermont, Flute

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

Organist - Brian Barber

Contemporary Worship Leader, Keyboard Accompanist - Alissa Nelson

Church Administrator - Lou Lescas

Office Clerical Coordinator - Holly Gray

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