



ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 8, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit – GENesis Bells – “A Grand Celebration” (for Mother’s Day)

Hymn of Praise – “To God Be the Glory” (UMH #98)

To God be the glory,
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
(Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be our wonder,
our transport when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: We are witnesses,
People: to the love God has poured into us.
Pastor: We are witnesses of God's love,
People: sharing it with each person we meet.
Pastor: We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
People: Sisters and Brothers in God's family.

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 – It's Mother's Day”

Children's Message

Litany for Mother's Day

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made for us.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

Pastor: We pray for older moms whose children are grown.
People: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.
Pastor: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.
People: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

Pastor: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.
People: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

Pastor: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.
People: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Pastor: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.
People: Grant them time to share with their families.

Pastor: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.
People: Grant them relief and justice.

Pastor: We pray for stepmoms.
People: Grant them patience, understanding and love.

Pastor: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.
People: Grant them faith and hope.

Pastor: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.
People: Grant them support and insight.

Pastor: We pray for moms who have lost children.
People: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.
People: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

Pastor: We pray for adoptive mothers.
People: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

Pastor: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.
People: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

Pastor: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.
People: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

Pastor: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.
People: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

Pastor: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.
People: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd's voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way. Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 150

Extending the Peace of Christ

Choirs – “Crown Him”

Behold the cross, Behold the Lamb.

Behold the sacrifice of God’s salvation plan.

The Son of God, He came sin of man to claim.

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Savior, Lord Most Holy.

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Christ the Lord of all.

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Savior, Lord Most Holy.

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Christ the Lord of all.

Rejoice, the King! Rejoice the Savior.

Sing high the praise of God

in Christ, Jesus, the Son.

Whose death on Calvary was victory!

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Savior, Lord Most Holy.

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Christ the Lord of all.

Hosanna in the highest;

Hosanna to the King!

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Savior, Lord Most Holy.

Crown Him, Crown Him!

Christ the Lord of all.

(Repeat)

Crown Him the Lord of all!

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 – “Take My Life and Let it Be” (UMH #399)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon – Are You in the Secret Service?

John 3:1-8; John 19:38-42

Hymn – “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (UMH #569)

We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.
(Refrain)

We’ve a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

(Refrain)

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

(Refrain)

Benediction

Congregational Response: “He Touched Me” (UMH #367)

He touched me, O he touched me,
And O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened,
And now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Postlude

Dismissal

*Brian Barber, Organist
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries*

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Ruth Portzline, CLM*