



ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Maker, In Whom We Live” (UMH #88)

Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives
to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, “Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!”

Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
Thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love’s ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
Let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
Sing all the saints thy love hath
made thine everlasting praise.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come and be still before the Lord.

People: We wait patiently for God, who brings forth goodness and justice.

Pastor: Trust in the Lord and take delight in the ways of God.

People: We commit to the ways of the Lord, who acts with mercy and love.

Pastor: Come and worship God, who offers refuge to all.

People: Praise be to God, our strength and our salvation.

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.

Ring of Faith – Jubilation Fanfare

Scripture Lesson Psalm 37:1-11

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have experienced the mercy and kindness you readily extend to all people, and are humbled by and thankful for your abundant goodness. Lord, we want to follow your example of responding to hate with love and responding to curses with blessings, but we often lack the strength to do so. We fall into the world's pattern of loving only those who love us and showing kindness only to those who are kind to us. Forgive us, O God. Restore our jaded hearts and fill us with your selfless love, such that the mercy you have shown to us may be extended to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Choir – Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

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 – “Freely, Freely” (UMH #389)

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name,
I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,
and in Jesus’ name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.”

All power is given in Jesus’ name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name,
and in Jesus’ name I come to you,
to share his power as he told me to,

He said, “Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.”

Sermon – “Children of the Most High”

Text: Luke 6:27-38

Hymn – “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy” (UMH #121)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Benediction

Congregational Response: O, How I Love Jesus (chorus)

O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Peg Thatcher
The Acolytes: Carter and Mason London

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
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