



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**May 15, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” (UMH #304)

Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to  
triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the power of heavenly throngs.

**Call to Worship:**

**Pastor:** Come and praise the Lord!

**People:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**Pastor:** Exalt the name of the Lord!

**People:** Let the women and men, children, and youth alike praise God's holy name.

**Pastor:** For God's glory reigns above heaven and earth.

**People:** Christ's restoration and new life is extended to all.

**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** – Revelation 21:1-6

**Prayer of Intercession**

## Prayer of Confession

*Amazing God, we come today offering you praise and glory for your promise to make all things new through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We've experienced the transforming power of your Spirit's work in us and are thankful. Yet we still struggle, Lord, to see others as you see them. Forgive us for the times our fears and doubts cloud our vision and hinder our calling to extend your grace and love to all. Guide and strengthen us, such that our actions and lives may offer to all the new life we've received through Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Extending the Peace of Christ

**Adult Choir – “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

## A Time of Thanksgiving and Celebration for St. John’s United Women in Faith

Leader: We are a community of people:

**People: Young, middle-aged, older; diverse in backgrounds, appearances, and gifts.**

Leader: Our purpose is to know God:

**People: To sense God's joy, to share God's sorrow, and to work for God's desire of a world where justice knows no favorites and all live with dignity.**

Leader: Our purpose is to experience freedom through Jesus Christ:

**People: To reach out and know the wholeness made possible for us by Jesus' restoration of body and soul.**

Leader: Our purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship:

**People: To share the joys, bear the sorrows, and bind the wounds of body and of spirit as we become a caring community led by Christ.**

Leader: Our purpose is to expand concepts of mission:

**People: Such that the kingdom of heaven is extended to all, and especially the vulnerable women, children, and youth of the world.**

Leader: Thanks be to God! May God continue to guide and bless your efforts!

## 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 – “I Love to Tell the Story” v. 1-3 (UMH #156)**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
]the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

### **Sermon – From Fear to Faith: The Fear of Messing Up**

Text: Acts 11:4-18

### **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 won-der-fully 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 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (UMH #557)**

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

**Postlude**

**Dismissal**

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

*Rev. Brad Leight  
Ruth Portzline, CLM*