



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (UMH #89)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus

which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: The vastness of creation reveals God's majesty and power.

People: Yet all creation cannot convey the power of God's love.

Pastor: Come and worship the Lord, who abides with us.

People: Let us worship and praise the Lord of all creation.

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 – Mark 3:7-17

Message in Music – “Not Too Far from Here”, *Jane File*

Prayer of Confession

God Most High, we come today full of thankfulness for your desire to draw near to us. We have experienced the goodness and love you extend to us, and we want to faithfully respond to your call on our lives. Still, Lord, we often stumble. We listen to voices that distract us from your call. We focus our attention on noise and clamor while missing your presence in the quiet moments. We struggle to trust that you will not forsake us. Forgive us, O God. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we might be attuned to your presence, and readied to serve, through 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

Hymn – “How Great Thou Art” (UMH #77)

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

Sermon – “Sacred Spaces: Mountain and Sea”

Text: I Kings 19:9-15a

Hymn – “Pass It On” (UMH#572)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love.
Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone.
You want to pass it on.

What a wond'rous time is spring,
When all the tress are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found.
You can depend on God,
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, “Praise God!”
I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me.
I want to pass it on.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Holy Ground (TFWS #2272)

We are standing on holy ground
and I know that there are angels all around
let us praise Jesus now
we are standing in his presence on holy ground

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Scripture Reader: Glenn Kavash

Organist: Brian Barber

Choir Director: Roy Nelson

Soloist: Jane File

St. John's Staff

Lead Pastor - Rev. Brad Leight

Pastoral Associate - Ruth Portzline, CLM

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Director of Youth and Family Ministries - John-Thomas (JT) Crockett

Director of Music Ministries - Roy Nelson

Organist - Brian Barber

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