



ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 19, 2023
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Come Thou Almighty King” (UMH#61)

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!

Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.

Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come and humble yourself before the Lord.

People: We come to worship the God of our salvation.

Pastor: The paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: God's ways are marked by justice, mercy, and faith.

Pastor: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord.

People: Restore us through your love.

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.

Joyful Voices – “Peace Like a River”

Affirmation of Our Scouts

Almighty God, bless these young people who have committed themselves to the pursuit of Scouting. Allow their minds to be broadened, their hopes

to be raised, and their futures to be filled with promise as they grow in knowledge and wisdom through Scouting. As they learn more about you and your ways, may they be inspired to reach out in service to all in need as they strive to become disciples in our world today. May all their efforts guide each of them to know, to love, and to serve you now and throughout their lives. We ask this blessing through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson – Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 16-19

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we humbly acknowledge that you, and you alone, are the source of all goodness. We recognize the wisdom of your decrees and your ways, and we long to follow your path of steadfast love and faithfulness. Yet we struggle, Lord; we are quick to see the faults of others while overlooking our own. We become consumed with minor details, while neglecting the weightier matters of justice and mercy. We freely take in your grace yet struggle to extend grace to others. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us your ways of humility and faith, that we may serve you with integrity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – “10,000 Angels”

Offering

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

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 – “Thy Word is a Lamp” (UMH #601)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear,
as long as you are near,
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget
your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Sermon – “Weightier Matters”

Scripture: Matthew 23:23-24

Hymn – “O Day of God Draw Nigh” (UMH #730)

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgement now
to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,
Uncertain and afraid,

the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
And finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt
the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again,
and set thy judgements
on the earth.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Postlude

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

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