



ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude – “Alleluia! Sing To Jesus” - NBQ

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (UMH #158)

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

Singing for evermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: With all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, and do not forget God's goodness.

People: Bless the Lord, who heals and forgives.

Pastor: The Lord works vindication and justice for the oppressed.

People: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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 Psalm 103:1-8

Message in Music – Alleluia! Alleluia! - Newtown Brass Quintet

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come today remembering your steadfast mercy and abounding love, and are thankful for all the blessings you pour into our lives. We also come confessing how we often turn away from your love, pursuing our self-interests over your merciful ways. We dishonor you with words and deeds, yet you steadfastly love us. We neglect those who are suffering and in need, yet you extend healing and grace. Forgive and restore us, O Lord, such that our lives may reveal the kingdom of heaven breaking in, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Offering – “How Great Thou Art” – NBQ

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 – “Morning Has Broken” (UMH #145)

Morning has broken like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Sermon – “Bound No More”

Text: Luke 13:10-17

Hymn – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (UMH #295)

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

Benediction

Congregational Response: On Eagle's Wings
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of God's hand

Postlude – “Rejoice, the Lord is King” NBQ

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Linda Ayoub
Piano: Brian Barber

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Newtown Brass Quintet for providing worship music today!

St. John's Staff

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Director of Music Ministries - Roy Nelson

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