



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “This Is My Father’s World” (UMH #144)

This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:
he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world.
O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Call to Worship:

Pastor: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have granted us peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: You have poured out your love into our hearts through your Holy Spirit.

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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.

Recognizing Our Christian Education Team

Scripture Lesson Romans 5:1-5

Message in Music – “Holy Forever” - *Jeff Cartwright*

Prayer of Confession

Great God of all creation, we come today wondering why you, the One who set the stars in motion, are mindful of us. You grant us wisdom and sustain us by your Spirit, yet we turn from your guidance. You provide for our needs in love and kindness despite our failure to extend compassion to others. Forgive us, Lord. Reconcile us to you and each other, that we might extend the mercy and justice of your reign to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

A Prayer Litany for Fathers

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 – "How Great Thou Art" (UMH #77)

O Lord my God!

when I in awesome wonder

consider all the worlds
thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

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

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;

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

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;

Then sings my soul,

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

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!

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

Sermon – “Why Do You Bother?”

Text: Psalm 8

Hymn – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” v1,2,3,6 (UMH #117)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,

from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God Our Help in Ages Past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guide while life shall last
and our eternal home.

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

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

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

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
Nelson

Church Administrator - Lou Lescas
Office Clerical Coordinator - Ellie Shahr