



ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 16, 2022

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: Lift up your eyes and seek the Lord.

People: **Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps.

People: **The Lord will not let our foot be moved.**

Pastor: For the Lord is our God and we are God's people.

People: **Let us worship God now, with thanksgiving and praise.**

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 - “Praise Him, Praise Him”

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 121 [Reader – Peg Thatcher]

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Pastor: God of love and comfort, today we celebrate the Prayer Shawl ministry of St. John’s Ivyland. We give thanks for those who have worked and prayed out of love and concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. We ask that these shawls would bring comfort to those who will receive them.

Pastor: These shawls were made to bring warmth to those who are cold and lonely.

People: **May they feel the warmth of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves in these shawls.**

Pastor: These shawls were made to bring comfort to those who are fearful.

People: **May they feel comfort knowing that someone prayed for them as the shawl was knit or crocheted.**

Pastor: These shawls were made to bring peace and healing to someone in need of prayer.

People: **May they feel the power of prayer as they feel the yarn winding through their fingers.**

Pastor: These shawls were made to remind the recipient of God’s love and grace.

People: **May they feel touched by our love and held up by our prayers.**

Pastor: God of grace and love, we thank you for putting those in need on our hearts and in our minds so that we might live out your call to love and serve. We ask your blessing upon these shawls and those who will receive them. May they feel the love, comfort and peace of your presence. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are thankful for your promise to hear our prayers and steady our steps. We know you are just and we've experienced your goodness, yet we still struggle to trust you fully. We place our trust in the broken ways of this world and grow weary of following your example. Our frustration over the wrongs we see weigh on us, and we

become indifferent to those around us who are struggling. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with your Spirit such that our hearts are strengthened to follow you faithfully. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

Mission Moment – Family Promise of Lower Bucks County

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 – "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" v1,4,5 (UMH #500)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move,
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Sermon - “Attitudes of Prayer, Part 1: Hopeful Persistence”
Text: Luke 18:1-8

Hymn - “O God Our Help In Ages Past” v1,2,3,4,6 (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.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

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

Dismissal

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

*Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM*