



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 22, 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: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those in the shadow of death have seen a great dawn.

Pastor: God will make a glorious way forward:

People: The yoke and burdens of oppression are being broken.

Pastor: Hear Christ's call to repentance and new life.

People: Praise be to God, whose kingdom has come near.

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 – Isaiah 9:1-4

Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, we see your light which has broken into our darkness and awakened our hope. We hear Christ's call to live according to the ways of

your kingdom, and we want to follow him faithfully. We confess that our lives have not matched our intentions. Too often we've been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships, allowing fear and distrust to separate us from each other. Forgive us, Lord. Shine your light into our darkened hearts, such that our resolve is strengthened to follow Christ before all others. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – “Cornerstone”

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 – “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (UMH #358)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,

in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dew of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Sermon – “Purpose Revealed”

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Hymn – “Lead on O King Eternal” (UMH #580)

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
hence-forth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal,

we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
wher-e'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Benediction

Congregational Response: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Postlude

Brian Barber, Organist
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM