



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 10, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (UMH #89)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we on-ward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sun-ward,
in the triumph song of life.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come and turn to the Lord your God:
**People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**
Pastor: Rejoice, for the Word of God is very near.
People: Through the Spirit, God's Word dwells in our hearts.

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.

Scripture Lesson – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Sacrament of Baptism – Carter Slicox and Brooklyn Silcox

***Introduction**
***Presentation of Candidates**
***Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

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***To Congregation**

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them,

that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: **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.**

****Thanksgiving Over the Water***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their Children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Congregation: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Congregation: **Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water, and those who receive it; to wash away their sin, and clothe them in righteousness, throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ they may share in His final victory!

Congregation: All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

***Baptism with Laying On of Hands**

Congregation: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

***Commendation and Welcome**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these children to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

Hymn - "I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry" (The Faith We Sing #2051)

I was there to hear your burning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

I was there to hear your burning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you today full of thanksgiving, knowing we are made in your image: designed to love you and love others with our all. Lord, we want to honor you as we seek to follow your will and your Word, yet we often cannot escape the urges to live for ourselves. We seek justification of our thoughts and actions while neglecting your ways. We focus on our wants while passing by the needs of others. We rely on our judgement and reject your guidance. Forgive us, O God. Soften our hearts to love you fully, and to extend that love to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Message in Music – “The Blessing” Valerie Sharper

Extending the Peace of Christ

Offering

Doxology – “Praise God, From Who 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 – “The Gift of Love” (UMH #408)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

Sermon – The Most Dangerous Question

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Hymn – “My Hope Is Built” (UMH #368)

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Benediction

Congregational Response: “O, How I Love Jesus” (UMH #170)

O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me.

Postlude

Dismissal

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

*Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM*