



ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “O God in Heaven” (UMH #119)

O God in heaven,
grant to thy children
mercy and blessing,
songs never ceasing

love to unite us,
grace to redeem us,
O God in heaven,
dear Lord, our God.

Jesus, Redeemer,
may we remember
thy gracious passion,
thy resurrection.

Worship we bring thee,
praise we shall sing thee,
Jesus, Redeemer,
Jesus, our Lord.

Spirit descending,
whose is the blessing,
strength for the weary,
help for the needy;

sealed in our kinship,
thine be our worship,
Spirit descending,
Spirit adored.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: It is truly wonderful when relatives live together in peace.

People: It is like the dew falling on mountains, where the Lord has promised to bless his people with life forevermore.

Pastor: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is as if the dew were falling on God's mountain.

Pastor: For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

People: How very good and pleasant when kindred live together in unity.

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 86:8-12

Message in Music – “Trusting Jesus”

Sue Uzelmeier – French Horn

Brian Barber - Piano

Prayer of Confession

We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed off all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

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 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (UMH #382)

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielding and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

Power, all power, surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway,

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

Sermon – “One People”

Valerie Clark, CLM

Text: Ephesians 2:11-18

Hymn – “Jesus, United by Thy Grace” (UMH #561 v. 1,2,5,6)

Jesus, united by Thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek Thy face
and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.

To Thee, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
that was in Thee receive.

This is the bond of perfectness,
Thy spotless charity;
O let us, still we pray, possess
the mind that was in Thee.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Blest Be the Tie That Binds (UMH #557 v. 1)
Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Postlude – “Rejoice, the Lord is King” NBQ

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Valerie Sharper
French Horn: Sue Uzelmeier
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

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