



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**July 06, 2025**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Hymn of Praise – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (UMH #127)**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

### **Call to Worship:**

**Pastor:** Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones;

**People:** God hears us in our fears and sorrows.

Pastor: Where there was no way,

**People: God leads us in a new way.**

Pastor: Where there was no mercy,

**People: God surprises us with fresh mercy.**

Pastor: The Lord has removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,

**People: Let us give thanks to God forever.**

**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 30

**Message in Music** – “Stars and Stripes Forever”- *Brian Barber*

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we come today trusting that you want the best for us, as you invite us to a better life by following your guidance and ways. Lord,

we want to follow you, yet we struggle as we see your ways are not our ways. At times your ways seem too simple to our enlightened minds, and other times your requests seem too burdensome to fulfill. Forgive us, Lord. Free our hearts of our pride, and guide us into faithful obedience with your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

**Hymn** – “Spirit of the Living God” (UMH #393)

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

**Sermon** – “Lessons from Sunday School: Elisha, Naaman & God's Radical Grace”

**Text:** 2 Kings 5:1-14

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### **Hymns During Communion**

##### **UMH#526**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

**UMH#528**

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be,  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

**UMH#530**

"Are ye able," said the Master,  
"to be crucified with me?"  
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,  
"to the death we follow thee."

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

**UMH#534**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

**UMH#539**

O Spirit of the living God,  
thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more,  
and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
and sin and sorrow cease.

**UMH#545**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her

to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

**Hymn** – “God Will Take Care of You” v1,2,4 (UMH #130)

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

**Refrain:**

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.

**Benediction**

**Congregational Response:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

**Postlude**

***Today's Worship Leaders Include:***

Choir Director: Roy Nelson  
Scripture Reader: Lynne Tomlinson  
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

--