



ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 4, 2022
10:00 a.m. Service

Please note there is only one service this Sunday

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “God of Grace and God of Glory” (UMH #577)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Let everyone stand in awe of the Lord;

People: **May our worship and lives honor God.**

Pastor: For God alone is our help and our shield,

People: **We place our trust in God’s holy name.**

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 37:1-9

Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, again and again you meet us in unexpected places and remind us of your abundant love. We are thankful for your enduring presence, and for the opportunity to express our love to you in worship this morning. As we pause in reflection and prayer, we recognize our tendency to lose focus of your ways, while instead following the ways and wisdom of this world. We often take your goodness for granted, relying on our strength while forsaking your presence. Our hearts become focused solely on what we can see, and we fail to look forward to the good things you seek to accomplish through us. Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may persevere in faithfulness to your calling to be witnesses to your goodness and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Choir – “Wake Up Church, Wake Up”

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

Praise Band – “I Will Say of the Lord” (song sheet)

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge.

I will say of the Lord, He is my fortress.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge.

What a mighty God, What a strong tower,

In Him will I put my trust. (REPEAT)

O how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how bright the path grows from day to day,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.

Leaning Leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge.

What a mighty God, What a strong tower,

In Him will I put my trust.

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Sermon – Time for A Principled Stand

Text: Esther 1, selected verses

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

Praise Band – “That's Why We Praise Him: (song sheet)

He came to live, live a perfect life
He came to be the living word our light
He came to die, so we'd be reconciled,
He came to rise, to show His power and might.

Refrain:

And that's why we praise him, that's why we sing
That's why we offer Him our everything
That's why we bow down and worship the King
'Cause he gave His everything. (REPEAT)

He came to live, live again in us
He came to be our conl'ring King and friend
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love
He came to go prepare a place for us. (Refrain).

He came to live, live a perfect life
He came to be the living word our light
He came to die, so we'd be reconciled,
He came to rise, to show His power and might. (Refrain).

Alleluia (repeat)

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He came to die, so we'd be reconciled,
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Benediction

Postlude

Dismissal

Brian Barber, Organist
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM