



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 29, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “For the Beauty of the Earth” v1,2,5,6 (UMH #92)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: God, the author and overseer of creation, calls us;

People: Christ Jesus, who took up the cross for humankind, calls us;

Pastor: The Holy Spirit, who restores and frees our bodies and souls, calls us.

People: Let us respond with joy in worship and praise of the Triune God!

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 Luke 9:51-62

Message in Music – Valerie Sharper

Prayer of Confession

Good and Loving God, we are humbled by the way you truly know us, how you care for us, and how you call us together in service and witness to you. We've experienced your sacrificial love, yet we often fail to hear your call to love you and others in truth and action. Forgive us for our frequent complaints, our neglect of those in need, and our hesitancy to sacrifice as we heed your call to be Christ's servants. Abide in us by the power of your Spirit, so that our lives may bear fruit for your reign, 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

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 – “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (The Faith We Sing #2223)

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:
And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news
that God is in our land:
And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity
and save human pride:
And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians
by our love.

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one:
And they’ll know we are Christians

by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

Sermon – “Live by the Spirit”

Text: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Invitation to Membership in Christ's Church

Hymn – “Here I Am, Lord” (UMH #593)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,

Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Nancy MacMillan
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