



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**March 26, 2023**

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” v 1,3 & 5 (UMH#357)

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **Call to Worship:**

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding  
in steadfast love

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite  
us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the  
Lord.**

**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.

**Ring of Faith – “Draw Near, And Take the Body of the Lord”**

Scripture Lesson – Joel 2:12-17

**Youth Choir – “The Walk to Calvary”**

**Prayer of Confession**

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people  
we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves,  
what lies in the depths of our souls.

But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and  
yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to  
respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in  
your guiding power.

Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of  
forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness

hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **Extending the Peace of Christ**

**Adult Choir** – “Lord of the Dance”

### **Offering**

**Doxology** - “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” (UMH #95)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **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** – “He Touched Me” (UMH #367)

Shackled by a heavy burden,  
neath a load of guilt and shame,  
then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
and now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, O he touched me,  
and O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
he touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him;  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

He touched me, O he touched me,  
and O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
he touched me and made me whole.

**Sermon** – “Washing the Cup”

Scripture: Matthew 23:25-28

**Hymn** – “Freely, Freely” (UMH #389)

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to share his love as he told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.”

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to share his power as he told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.”

**Benediction**

**Congregational Response:** “Take Time to Be Holy” v1

Take time to be holy,  
speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in him always,  
and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children,  
help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

## **Postlude**

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

*Rev. Brad Leight*  
*Ruth Portzline, CLM*  
*Denise Clark, CLM*