



ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 18, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” (UMH #662)

Stand up and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth forevermore.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come and worship the Lord our God;

People: For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Pastor: In the midst of difficulty and trial,

People: God's mercies never come to an end.

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,

Maker of the heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,

God's own son of matchless worth;

By the Holy Ghost conceived,

Virgin Mary bore God's son,

He in whom I have believed,

God Almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

crucified for me He died,

Laid within the grave so silent,

gates of hell He opened wide.

And the stone-sealed tomb was empty,

on the third day He arose,

Into heaven made his entry,

Mighty conqueror of His foes.

At God's right hand He is seated,

till His coming, as He said;

Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead.

I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent through Christ the Son,
To apply salvation's merit,
God the Spirit—Three in One.

I believe that all believers form one body as a whole.
We are one throughout the ages,
with the saints I lift my soul.
I believe sins are forgiven,
that our bodies will be raised,
Everlasting life in heaven, Amen!
Let His name be praised!!

Scripture Lesson – Habakkuk 1:1-5

Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, we are thankful for your enduring presence with us through all situations. 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. When challenges and trials overwhelm us, we withdraw instead of seeking your strength. Our hearts become focused solely on what we see, and we fail to trust in the deliverance and good things you long to provide. Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may persevere in faithfulness and step forward with conviction, placing all trust in you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Message in Music

Extending the Peace of Christ

Choir – “God is Our Refuge”

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 – “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” (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.

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Sermon – Saying Yes in Hope and Faith
Text: Esther 3 and 4, selected verses

Hymn - “Are Ye Able” (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.

Are ye able to remember,
when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise?

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.

Are ye able when the shadows
close around you with the sod,

To believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend your soul to God?

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.

Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee.

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.

Benediction

Congregational Response: “Spirit of the Living God” (*UMH #393*)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Postlude

Dismissal

Brian Barber, Organist
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM