



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**March 12, 2023**  
**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.

Tho' 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 heav'n our thought!

God is our strength and song,  
and His salvation ours;  
then be His love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed pow'rs.

Stand up and bless the Lord,  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up, and bless His glorious Name  
henceforth for evermore.

**Call to Worship:**

**Pastor:** Come and worship the Lord with gladness.

**People:** Let us glorify God, the source of our hope.

**Pastor:** Place your hope in God, for God does not disappoint.

**People:** Christ's life and sacrifice prove God's love for us.

Pastor: Let us honor God with heart and mind and voice.

**People: May we worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.**

**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.

**Genesis Bells** – “A Festive Ring”

**Scripture Lesson** – Romans 5:1-8

**Youth Choir** – “Sing and Be Joyful” *Jane & Brian File, Soloists*

**Prayer of Confession**

Amazing God, we are humbled by your love for us, as you alone are the source of our enduring hope. We’ve experienced your truth and want to live according to your ways of justice and righteousness, yet we often fall short. Our “Yesses” and Nos” become clouded as we worry about

disappointing others. Our commitments soften as pressures mount. We struggle to trust in the unshakeable strength of your love for us that draws us together as your people. Forgive us, God. Free us for humble and joyful service, such that our lives may bring glory and honor to Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

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

#### **Adult Choir – “Only God”**

#### **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 – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (UMH #298)**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Sermon** – “Words of Trust”

Scripture: Matthew 23:16:22

**Hymn** – “My Hope is Built” (UMH #368)

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,

faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

## **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**

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

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