



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**January 26, 2025**

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Hymn of Praise – “Come, Thou Almighty King” (UMH #61)**

Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!  
Father all glorious, o’er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend!  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!

### **Call to Worship:**

Pastor: For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body;

**People: Christ's body does not consist of one member, but of many.**

Pastor: When one member suffers, all suffer together with it.

**People: When one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.**

Pastor: Now we are the body of Christ:

**People: God has arranged us here, each as God chose.**

**All: Thanks be to 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.

### **Celebration Ringers – “Enduring Gladness”**

**Scripture Lesson Luke 4:14-21**

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of goodness and grace, we come today to confess that we often forget our connectedness together in you. We have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have allowed the gifts of your Spirit, intended to build up your church, to instead spark dissention and unrest. We struggle to rejoice in others' joys, and to suffer with others in their burdens. Forgive us, O God. Activate us by your Spirit, that our diverse gifts may work together to extend Christ's kingdom of restoration and peace. Amen.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

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

**Choir** – “Come Christians, Join To Sing”

## **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**

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.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** – “Spirit of the Living God, 2x” (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.

**Sermon** – “God So Arranged...”

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**Hymn** – “O Church of God, United” (UMH #547)

O church of God,

united to serve one common Lord,

proclaim to all one message,

with hearts in glad accord.

Christ ever goes before us;

we follow day by day

with strong and eager footsteps

along the upward way.

From every land and nation

the ordered ranks appear;

to serve one valiant leader

they come from far and near.

They chant their one confession,

they praise one living Lord,

and place their sure dependence

upon his saving word.

Though creeds and tongues may differ,

they speak, O Christ, of thee;

and in thy loving spirit

we shall one people be.

Lord, may our faithful service

and singleness of aim

proclaim to all the power

of thy redeeming name.

May thy great prayer be answered

that we may all be one,

close bound, by love united in thee,

God’s blessed Son:

to bring a single witness,

to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness  
may find the one true light.

### **Benediction**

**Congregational Response:** On Eagle's Wings  
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings  
bear you on the breath of dawn  
make you to shine like the sun  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

### **Postlude**

### ***Today's Worship Leaders Include:***

Choir Director: Roy Nelson  
Scripture Reader: Amy Cons  
The Acolytes: Carter London and Mason London

### ***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 - Holly Gray