



ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 16, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Come, We That Love The Lord” (UMH #732)

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

People: They will be nourished, like a tree planted by a flowing stream.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger and experience need as Christ is served,

People: For they will be filled with the fullness of God's kingdom.

Pastor: Come and worship the One who brings forth goodness and justice.

People: Give praise to God, who searches our hearts and restores our souls.

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 Jeremiah 17:5-10

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come today full of thanks for the many blessings you have brought forth in our lives. We’ve been warmed by your love and strengthened by your Spirit, and we’re grateful. Yet we also know how this world is a broken place. Poverty, loss, and selfish ambition fracture our relationships and stifle the healing your Son proclaimed. Too often our actions deepen the fractures and contradict your will. Forgive us, O

Lord. Restore us and guide us, that we may reflect your justice and extend your hope to all people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Choir – “Yes, My Jesus Loves Me”

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 – “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought” (UMH #128)

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whatever I do, wherever I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,

by his own hand he leadeth me;

his faithful follower I would be,

for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sermon – “Blessed Are”

Text: Luke 6:17-26

Hymn – “Trust and Obey” (UMH #467)

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;

Not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;

For the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,

or we'll walk by his side in the way;

What he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Rick Gray
The Acolytes: Connor Harman & Liam Nelson

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