



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**Combined Worship**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise – “I Will Say of the Lord”**

I will say...of the Lord,  
He is my refuge.

I will say...of the Lord,  
He is my fortress.

I will say...of the Lord,  
He is my refuge.

What a mighty God, what a strong tower,  
In Him will I put my trust.(repeat)

O how sweet to walk,  
In this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

O how bright the path  
grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge.  
What a mighty God, what a strong tower  
in Him will I put my trust.  
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## **Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Pastor: Praise the Lord!

**People: Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Pastor: Sing God's praises in the assembly of the faithful.

**People: Let the faithful exult God's glory.**

**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.

**Adult Choir** – "People Need the Lord"

**Scripture Lesson** – Romans 13:8-14

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we come before you today seeking your help. We confess that we struggle to work through disagreements. We confess that it's easier to

neglect past hurts and avoid difficult conversations than it is to work toward resolutions that reconcile us to each other and to you. We recognize how our tendency to take the easier path fails to build up your Church and extend your unconditional love. Forgive us, Lord. By the power of your Spirit, restore our lives such that we are formed more each day into the image of Christ, reflecting the reconciliation and love that Christ extends to all. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

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

**Adult and Youth Choir** – “Jesus Messiah”

### **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!

### **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** – “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,

Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.  
My chains are gone, I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior  
has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.

**Sermon** – “If Another Member Sins..”

**Text:** Matthew 18:15-20

**Closing Hymn** – “Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save

I who made the stars and night  
I will make the darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord  
Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord  
If you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

I the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away...

I will break their hearts of stone  
Fill their hearts with love alone  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord  
If you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord  
If you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

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