



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**March 09, 2025**

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Hymn of Praise – “Holy, Holy, Holy” (UMH #64)**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!

All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

**Call to Worship:**

Pastor: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

**People: Temptation and trial soon followed.**

Pastor: God's Spirit is with us through the wilderness of life,

**People: For all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**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** – How Can I Keep From Singing

**Scripture Lesson** Romans 10:8b-13

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we are so thankful that you listen to us when we cry out, and you see us when the world overlooks us. Still, we struggle to place our full trust in you, even after experiencing your mercy. We seek nourishment from sources that cannot sustain us. We are quick to put you to the test. We rely on our own resources and fail to heed the wisdom of your Word. Forgive us, Lord. Restore us, such that we may be strengthened to faithfully follow the ways of Christ's kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

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

**Adult Choir** – Higher Ground

#### **Offering**

**Doxology** - "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host.

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** – "Take Time to be Holy" (UMH #395)

Take time to be holy,  
speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in him always,  
and feed on his word.

Make friends of God's children,  
help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,  
the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret  
with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus,  
like him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,  
let him be thy guide,  
And run not before him,  
whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow,  
still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus,  
still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy,  
be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive  
beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit  
to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted  
for service above.

**Sermon** – “Beautiful and Terrible”

**Text:** Luke 4:1-13

**Hymn** – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” v1,2,4,6 (UMH #117)

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;

sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

### **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: Valerie Sharper  
The Acolytes: Connor Harman and Vivian Scarlett

#### ***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

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