



ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 1, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (UMH #327)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died,
and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their
fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Bring praises to God, faithful people:

People: For God hears us in times of confidence and of fear.

Pastor: Where there was no way,

People: God has led us in a new way.

Pastor: Where there was no mercy,

People: Chris has showered us with abundant mercy.

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

People: Let us worship and be in awe of 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.

Scripture Lesson – Acts 9:1-9

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we come to worship today eager to hear your good news. We long to see faith, hope, love, and resurrection life spring forth from Christ's victory over death. Yet we still struggle. Doubt, fear, and even hatred surface in our thoughts and actions. We are hesitant to sacrifice, are critical of others, and allow selfish desires to taint our worship and service. Forgive us, Lord. Purify our hearts and make us new, such that we may faithfully bear witness to the new life you offer to all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – “I Am Determined”

Soloist: Tammy Coapman

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

Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision” (UMH #451)

Be thou my vision,

O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me,

save that thou art.

Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

Sermon – From Fear to Faith: Trading Terror for Awe

Text: Acts 9:10-19

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 – “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (UMH #454)

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Benediction

Congregational Response: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (UMH #349)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

Postlude

Dismissal

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

*Rev. Brad Leight
Ruth Portzline, CLM*