



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 02, 2024

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Now Thank We All Our God” (UMH #102)

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come and worship the Lord our God.

People: We worship the One who searches us and knows us; who loved us before we were formed.

Pastor: Open your hearts and learn of God's ways.

People: We long to learn from God, whose thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Pastor: Rejoice, for God's presence will never leave us.

People: Praise be to God, whose love never ceases.

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 – John 14:1-7, NIV**Recognition of Our 2024 Graduates**

Youth Choir – Exsultate Cantamos Festivo
Friends

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, who formed our inward parts and who knows the depths of our hearts, we confess that we often turn from your way. We strive for the power and wealth of this world, while failing to acknowledge that our sustenance and strength comes from you. We proclaim your Son with our mouths, yet the actions of our lives tell a different story. We rely on our insight over the wisdom and guidance of your Spirit. Forgive us, Lord. Search us out and guide us to your path of restored and abundant life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – “That Judgement Morning”

Tammy and Jack Coapman, Soloists

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 – “Thy Word is a Lamp” (UMH #601)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear,
as long as you are near,
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget
your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Sermon – “You Are Known”

Text – Psalm 139:1-17

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH #526

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

UMH #528

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

UMH #530

"Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.

Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

UMH #534

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

UMH #539

O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

UMH #545

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Hymn – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (UMH #89)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Scripture Reader: Jonathan Seamans
Soloists: Jack and Tammy Coopman
Organist: Brian Barber
Choir Director: Roy 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
Organist - Brian Barber
Contemporary Worship Leader, Keyboard Accompanist - Alissa Nelson
Church Administrator - Lou Lescas
Office Clerical Coordinator - Holly Gray

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