



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 21, 2025**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – “For the Beauty of the Earth” v.1,2,4,6 (UMH #92)

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

## **Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy.

**People: Jesus will grant us rest.**

Pastor: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace.

**People: Christ will renew our hope.**

Pastor: Come, experience real rest, and learn from Jesus.

**People: The Holy Spirit will restore us, mind, body, and soul.**

**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.

**Scripture Lesson** Deuteronomy 5:12-15

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we know your Spirit is always present to sustain and guide us, yet we struggle to follow in your way. We have stumbled and need you to lift us up. Our constant striving overlooks your grace and provision. Our need for more yields anxiety and fear, while depleting our souls. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew us in your strength as you reconcile us to yourself and each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Extending the Peace of Christ**

**Adult Choir** – *“Cornerstone”*

**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**

## **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 – “Seek Ye First” (UMH #405)**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

### **Sermon – “Nourishing Hope”**

**Text:** John 3:1-9

### **Hymn – “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” (UMH #152)**

I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word,

and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

### **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:***

Choir Director: Roy Nelson  
The Acolyte: Liam Nelson  
Scripture Reader: Amy Cons  
Piano: Brian Barber

### ***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 - Ellie Shahr

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St. John's Ivyland Financial Snapshot	
Year-to-Date Income	\$433, 452
Year-to-Date Expense	\$428,285
Year-to-Date Church Vitality	\$5,167