



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (UMH #139)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things
so wondrously reigning,
Bears thee on eagle's wings,
yea, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds
all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish
thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are
ever before thee.

Then to thy need God
as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me
adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him.

Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens;

People: God's faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Pastor: God's righteousness is like mighty mountains,

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your presence.

Pastor: Continue your steadfast love to your children, O Lord;

People: Extend your salvation to your people.

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 Psalm 36:5-10

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we come today to confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have mistaken the gifts of your Spirit as fruits of our labors. We prioritize our personal growth and wellbeing while neglecting to cultivate the common good of your church. We depend on our ability and assets while struggling to place our trust in your grace. Forgive us, O God. Activate us by your Spirit, that our lives may reflect the restoration and peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Choir – “Cornerstone”

Alissa Nelson, Director

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

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn – “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” v1,4,5 (UMH #500)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move,
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Sermon – “To Each is Given”

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Hymn – “Where Charity and Love Prevail” v1,2,5,6 (UMH #549)

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength
now love Christ in return.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all

whose Maker is the same.

Benediction

Congregational Response: On Eagle's Wings
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Nancy MacMillan
The Acolytes: Vivian Scarlett and Connor Harman

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