



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 16, 2024

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “This Is My Father’s World” (UMH #144)

This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:
he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world.
O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

People: God's steadfast love and faithfulness are worthy of our praise.

Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord.

People: Great is the glory of the Lord!

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.

A Prayer for All Fathers

Pastor: God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers, young and old, and we ask your blessing on them today.

People: We pray for young fathers, newly embracing this sacred calling;

Bless them with courage, strength, and perseverance to balance family, work, and faith, in times of joy and in times of sacrifice.

Pastor: We pray for our own fathers, who have loved us, nurtured us, and been models of faithfulness to us. Bless them for the goodness they have shown us, and grant them assurance and peace for the times they have stumbled.

People: We pray for fathers around the world, whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

Pastor: We pray for men who are not fathers, yet mentor and guide us with fatherly advice and love. Bless and uplift these men, O God.

All: Lord, we give you thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us, yet live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Thank you, heavenly Father, for the blessing of their lives and the legacy of their faith. Amen.

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 138

Message in Music – Garry Warlow, *Soloist*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come seeking your mercy, for we have failed to be faithful to you despite your steadfast faithfulness to us. You guide us in your wisdom, yet we turn away, choosing our own paths. You provide for our needs in love and kindness despite our failure to extend compassion to others. Forgive us, Lord. Reconcile us to you and each other, that we might extend the mercy and justice of your reign to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

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 – “Faithfulness and Grace”

Text: I Samuel 8:4-11, 18-22a

Hymn – “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (UMH #140)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!

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:

Scripture Reader: Nancy MacMillan

Organist: Brian Barber

Choir Director: Roy Nelson

Soloist: Garry Warlow

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

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