



ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 25, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (UMH #185)

When morning gilds the skies

my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer,

To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear

when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around

ring joyous with the sound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss

the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,

my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th' eternal song

through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: Let all people praise God's holy name.

Pastor: May God's way be known upon the earth.

People: May God's saving power be seen among the nations.

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 Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, we come on this day of glory as witnesses to your death, resurrection, and ascension, revealing the power of your love to save us.

Yet we also come needing to confess our lack of trust in your love. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today, and in hope for life with you forever, through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord. Amen

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Message in Music – *Brian Barber, Piano*

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 – "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 – “Why Do You Stand?”

Text: Acts 1:1-11

Hymn – “We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations” (UMH #569)

We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,

and shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Surely the Presence of the Lord (UMH#328)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory in each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Valerie Sharper
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 - Holly Gray

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