

ORDER OF WORSHIP June 01, 2025 10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – "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.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: As Christ is in the Father and the Father is in Christ,

People: May we also be in God.

Pastor: Come and worship the God of goodness and glory,

People: Let us be one as we worship God together.

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" (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 1

Recognition of Our 2025 Graduates

Youth Choir – "Who Will be A Witness?" Friends

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we come today formed by the prayers Jesus prayed over us, long before we were born, seeking unity in you. We long to live together for you, Lord, yet we often fail to heed your call. We struggle to love you with our all, and to love each other as we love ourselves. We respond to differences with fear and judgement, while neglecting your call to offer compassion and peace. Forgive us, Lord. Free us for joyful obedience to your call, that we may live together as a unified witness to your redemption and glory, by the grace of Christ Jesus, our resurrected Lord. Amen.

Prayer 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!

Hymn – "Fill My Cup, Lord" (UMH #641)

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord,

Come and quench

this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more;

Fill my cup, fill it up

and make me whole.

Sermon – "Why Do You Stand?"

Text: John 17:20-26

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymns During Communion

UMH #347

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on, to the light, Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

UMH #348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

UMH #354

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all

UMH #357

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

UMH #358

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

UMH #361

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;

let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Hymn – "The Church's One Foundation" v.1,2,5 (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.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Blest Be the Ties that Bind 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 Scripture Reader: Amy Cons The Acolytes: Vivian Scarlett and Liam 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

Contemporary Worship Leader, Keyboard Accompanist - Alissa Nelson

Church Administrator - Lou Lescas Office Clerical Coordinator - Holly Gray