



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**May 29, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – O God Our Help in Ages Past, v. 1,2,3,6 (UMH #117)

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

### **Call to Worship:**

**One:** Sing praises to God, faithful people:

**Many:** God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

**One:** Where there was no way,

**Many:** God leads us in a new way.

**One:** Where there was no mercy

**Many:** Christ showers us with fresh mercy.

One: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
**Many: Let us worship the Lord and be in awe of God.**

**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** – Acts 16:16-24

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Amazing God, we come to worship today eager to hear your Good News: to see faith, hope, love, and resurrection life springing forth from your kingdom. We hear how your power opens prison doors and releases the shackles that bind and are humbled by your mercy and grace. Yet your ways sometimes scare us, God. We see this world resist and even persecute your witnesses, and often withdraw,*

*fearful the same result might happen to us. Forgive us, O God. Restore us through your Holy Spirit. Grant us the strength we need to release our fears, such that we may follow Christ faithfully wherever He leads. Amen.*

## **Extending the Peace of Christ**

### **Adult Choir**

### **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** – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (UMH #526)

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all of our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

**Sermon** – From Fear to Faith: Gaining True Freedom

Text: Acts 16:25-34

**Hymn** – “God Will Take Care of You” v. 1,2,4 (UMH #130)  
Be not dismayed what-e'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
Beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

**Refrain:**

God will take care of you, through every day,  
O'er all the way; he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you.

(Refrain)

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;

Lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.

(Refrain)

## **Benediction**

**Congregational Response:** “Because He Lives” (UMH #364)

(Chorus)

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow  
because he lives, all fear is gone  
because I know he holds the future  
and life is worth the living just because he lives

## **Postlude**

## **Dismissal**

*Brian Barber, Organist  
Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries*

*Rev. Brad Leight  
Ruth Portzline, CLM*