



ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 07, 2025
10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” v.1,2,4(UMH #327)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,

People: Acting and revealing a hope that does not disappoint us.

All: Thanks be to 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 Romans 5:1-5

Presentation of Bibles to our Children

Message in Music – “Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father”

Andrea Levin, Flute

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are humbled by your love for us, poured out in the gift of redemption revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son Jesus. Thank you for the new life we experience as your peace, grace, and hope fills our lives. Still, Lord, there are times our doubts get the best of us. As the burdens of life build, anxiety grips us, grief overwhelms us, and setbacks shake our confidence in you. Forgive us, God. Strengthen our hearts, such that our character and endurance may offer a powerful witness to the steadfast hope we have 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

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 – “The Spirit Song” (UMH #347)

O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

Sermon – “The Source of Hope”

Text: Luke 24:1-9

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymns During Communion

UMH #171

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's something about that name
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!

UMH #174

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of everything;

his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
almighty God is he;

bow down before him, love and adore him,

his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

UMH #176

Majesty, worship his majesty;

unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

flow from his throne unto his own;

his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King

UMH #177 (sing 2x)

He is Lord, he is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

UMH #191

Jesus loves me! This I know,

for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong;

they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

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 – “Hy Hope Is Built” (UMH #368)

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Benediction

Congregational Response: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders Include:

Choir Director: Roy Nelson

Piano: Brian Barber

Scripture Reader: Terry O'Leary

Acolytes: Carter London and Mason London

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 - Ellie Shahr

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