



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 03, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (UMH #158)

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

Singing for evermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

**Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, and call on God's name.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, and tell all of God's wonderful works.**

Pastor: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Let us worship God with thanksgiving and praise.**

**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.

**Scripture Lesson** - Psalm 105:1-8

**Sacrament of Baptism**

*\*To Congregation*

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this person with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. Do you believe in God the Father?

**Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?**

**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.**

**\**Thanksgiving Over the Water***

**Pastor: The Lord be with you.**

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Pastor: Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their Children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.**

**Congregation: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

**Pastor: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.**

**Congregation: Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

**Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water, and Easton Lane Faust who receives it; to wash away his sin, and clothe him in righteousness, throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ he may share in His final victory!**

**Congregation: All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

**\**Baptism with Laying On of Hands***

**Congregation: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

**\**Commendation and Welcome***

**Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Easton to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.**

**Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion and mercy, we are thankful for all the ways – big and small – that you reveal your glory to us. We've heard your voice and experienced your goodness, yet we confess how we often set our minds on human things and not divine things. We doubt your loving care for us in times of difficulty, and we doubt your desire and ability to use us to extend your goodness and hope to others. Forgive us, God. Strengthen us by your Spirit, such that we may be prepared to respond to your call and offer our lives in service to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Message in Music – “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me - Brian Barber**

## 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** – Holy Ground, sing 2x (The Faith We Sing #2272)

We are standing

on holy ground,

and I know that there are angels

all around;

let us praise

Jesus now;

we are standing in his

presence on holy ground

**Sermon** – “Who Am I?”

**Text** – Exodus 3:1-12

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### 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.

## Hymns During Communion

### 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.

### 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.

### UMH #351

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

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

### 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** – “Take My Life and Let it Be” (UMH #399)

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.  
Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

### **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**

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

*Rev. Brad Leight  
Ruth Portzline, CLM*