



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**May 11, 2025**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Hymn of Praise – “To God Be the Glory” (UMH #98)**

To God be the glory,  
great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an  
atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be our wonder,  
our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!

**Call to Worship:**

Pastor: We've come together to worship God,

**People: Who is acquainted with all our ways and knows us completely.**

Pastor: God's presence never leaves us,

**People: God's love for us never ceases.**

Pastor: Wonderful are all God's works,

**People: Let us glorify our God, the Lord of all creation.**

**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** Philippians 4:4-9

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Amazing God, we are so thankful for your steadfast love for us. We know it is impossible to flee from your presence; your strong hands are always there to lead us and hold us fast. Still, Lord, we struggle to shake our tendency to isolate ourselves from you. We equate a sense of distance from you as absence of your presence. We struggle to keep your command to love each other as you have loved us. We disregard the nudges of your Holy Spirit as we turn away from those hurting or in need. Forgive us, God. Renew in us an awareness of your presence, such that we may trust and faithfully follow your Spirit of truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **A Litany for Mother's Day**

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for my mother!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. 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** – “Be Still My Soul” (UMH #534)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:  
leave to your God to order and provide:  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

**Sermon** – “Peace Be With You”

**Text:** John 20:19-31

**Hymn** – “It Is Well with My Soul” v. 1, 3, 4 (UMH #547)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well..... with my soul.....  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
Lord,  
O my soul!

It is well..... with my soul.....  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well..... with my soul.....  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

### **Benediction**

**Congregational Response:** Sanctuary (TFWS #2164)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

### **Postlude**

### ***Today's Worship Leaders Include:***

Choir Director: Roy Nelson  
Scripture Reader: Nancy MacMillan  
The Acolytes: Vivian Scarlett & Adalyn Horton

### ***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