



ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 04, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Praise – “Lift High the Cross” (UMH #159)

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.

Come, Christians,
follow this triumphant sign.
the hosts of God in unity combine.

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.

Each newborn servant
of the Crucified bears
on the brow the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw the world to thee.

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!.

People: Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise the Lord!

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 Luke 24:13-24

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we come today filled with awe by the glory of your resurrection, first revealed in the emptiness of a tomb. Lord, we want to trust you, yet our doubts often overcome us. For the times we want to see you, yet are too busy talking amongst ourselves, forgive us. For the times we are confined in our hurts and struggle to step forward, guide us by your pierced hands. For the moments we are afraid to speak our faith, send your Spirit to speak through our lives. As we worship today, open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the presence and power Christ Jesus our resurrected Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Extending the Peace of Christ

Adult Choir – “Here I Am, Lord”

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 – “Hymn of Promise” (UMH #707)

In the bulb there is a flower;

in the seed, an apple tree;

in cocoons, a hidden promise:

butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter

there's a spring that waits to be,

unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

In the bulb there is a flower;

in the seed, an apple tree;

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In the cold and snow of winter
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unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Sermon – “There Eyes Were Opened”

Text: Luke 24:25-32

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymns During Communion

UMH 170

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

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

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 181

Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad
his wonderful name;
the name all victorious
of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious
and rules over all.

Hymn – “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” (UMH #304)

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to

triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.

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
Scripture Reader: Lynn Tomlinson
The Acolytes: Liam Nelson and Connor Harman

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

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