
ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robe!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam;
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin;
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
Refrain

All Creatures of Our God and King

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!

Ending Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

*V. 1-2, St. Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper
V. 3-4, Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird
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²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

HYMN OF REFLECTION**Abide With Me**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

In this world we have trouble. Yet we have not cried out to you in our sorrow. Instead, we have wallowed in it, with little hope that you have overcome the world. You promise to work all things for good, and resurrect us in glory. But we would rather have earthly pleasure than be conformed to the likeness of Christ our Savior. Teach us, as we groan inwardly, to wait eagerly for the fullness of our salvation. Help us in our weakness to pray in the Spirit, with confidence that those you have called, you have justified, and those you have justified, you will surely glorify.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 4:10-11

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary;
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head;
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished," the vict'ry cry!
Chorus

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children are welcome to remain in the service. However, "Equip for Worship" is available for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten and those children may be dismissed after the prayer.

Visitors, please escort your children if it is their first time.

Today's volunteers: (1st) Ruthy Praveen and Ashley Pantana (2nd) Jessi Pearson and Gaye Rudolph

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Joel 2:30-32

³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls."

Joel 3:9-16

⁹ Proclaim this among the nations:
Consecrate for war;
 stir up the mighty men.
Let all the men of war draw near;
 let them come up.
¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords,
 and your pruning hooks into spears;
 let the weak say, "I am a warrior."
¹¹ Hasten and come,
 all you surrounding nations,
 and gather yourselves there.
Bring down your warriors, O Lord.
¹² Let the nations stir themselves up
 and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
for there I will sit to judge
 all the surrounding nations.
¹³ Put in the sickle,
 for the harvest is ripe.
Go in, tread,
 for the winepress is full.
The vats overflow,
 for their evil is great.
¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes,
 in the valley of decision!
For the day of the Lord is near
 in the valley of decision.
¹⁵ The sun and the moon are darkened,
 and the stars withdraw their shining.
¹⁶ The Lord roars from Zion,
 and utters his voice from Jerusalem,
 and the heavens and the earth quake.
But the Lord is a refuge to his people,
 a stronghold to the people of Israel.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul?
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2. When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

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What Wondrous Love is This

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

SONG OF RESPONSE The Lord's Become Our Salvation (Psalm 118)

1. Out of my distress I called out for help;
And the Lord came quickly to save me.
Praise our God most high; He is on my side,
For the Lord's become my salvation!

2. Open up the gate where the righteous wait;
To behold the face of their Savior.
I am welcomed in by my Lord and friend,
And the Lord's become my salvation!

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
For his never-ending love!
We will celebrate what He's done this day.
For the Lord's become our salvation!
For the Lord's become our salvation!

3. Now the stone ignored by the strong and proud
Has become the Church's foundation.
Let the weak give praise for this gift of grace,
For the Lord's become our salvation!
Chorus 2X

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BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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