



* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Sigfrid Karg-Elert, arr. Fred Bock

Welcome

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 66

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

All: **Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on our behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.**

Leader: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping, and though he has led us through many trials, he has brought us to a place of abundance.

All: **Come and listen, all you who fear God; hear what he has done for us. We cried out to him, and he has surely listened. Praise be to God, who has not rejected our prayers or withheld his love from us!**

* Hymn of praise 53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665, LOBE DEN HERREN

* Prayer of adoration

Leader: How magnificent for us to ponder, our triune God of grace:

All: How your Word spoke creation into being; how your Spirit breathed life into every living thing.

Leader: We praise you, in concert with the praise sung by trees and fields on earth and by saints and angels in heaven.

All: We praise you for the wonderful way our bodies are made— for each breath we take, for each step we take; for the gifts of sight and smell, hearing and feeling; for minds that can imagine and hands that can create.

Leader: We praise you for providing the people and resources to renovate this building that you have entrusted to us.

All: We praise you for those who have worked so diligently these past four years—for their skill and perseverance. We praise you for working in and through mere human communication and coordination to accomplish your purposes.

Leader: We praise you for the renewal you have stirred in the hearts of your people here.

All: We praise you for the work of your Spirit among us: for growth in our prayer lives; for strengthening our relationships with each other; for graciously revealing to us where we have strayed from you and lovingly leading us back, like lost sheep returned to the fold.

(continued)

Leader: We worship you this evening, our triune God of grace.

All: You are our loving Father: eternal, unchanging, full of light and life. You sent your beloved Son to live among us, to bear our pain, to redeem us. You raised him from the dead and have filled us with your Spirit—teaching us, guiding us, enlivening us. And not even the gates of hell can stand against your purposes. Amen.

Choral response

“This Little Light of Mine”

Children’s Choir

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Every day (x6), I’m gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday, he gave me the gift of love;
on Tuesday, peace came from above;
on Wednesday, told me to have more faith;
on Thursday, gave me a bit more grace;
on Friday, told me to watch and pray;
on Saturday, told me what to say;
on Sunday, gave me pow’r divine
just to let my little light shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Every day (x6), I’m gonna let my little light shine.
spiritual; arr George Mabry ©2003 St. James Music Press

Litany of remembrance

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Leader: Who are we, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. *(based on 1 Chronicles 29)*

All: The LORD is good; his love endures forever!

Leader: O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. *(based on 2 Chronicles 6)*

All: The LORD is good; his love endures forever!

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. *(from Psalm 105)*

All: The LORD is good; his love endures forever!

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; your greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and we will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and we will proclaim your great deeds. They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. *(from Psalm 145)*

All: The LORD is good; his love endures forever!

Hymn of response 347, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

’Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
text by Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, AURELIA

Remembering God’s faithfulness

John and Merrile Stroud

Personal meditation

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Soloist

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*
text by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; music by David Henry, 2023

Hymn of preparation

“Speak, O Lord”
(see facing page for words and music)

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Homily

“The Church of the Living God”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1 Timothy 3:15b

...the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

Pastoral prayer

Choral response

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

Girls’ Ensemble

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

(continued)

“Speak, O Lord”



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us, truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
ne - ver fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
text by Samuel T. Francis, 1875, from Ephesians 3:18-19; music by Trevor Manor, 2016

Prayer of thanksgiving

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Leader: O God of all creation, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: He is our Lord, our King, who came to us in humility and now reigns forever in triumph.

Leader: He was slain and with his blood he purchased us from every tribe and language and people and nation. Risen from the grave, he gives us the hope of redemption, the joy of new life, and the promise of his triumphant return when he will make all things new.

All: We thank you, Victorious Savior, for your rule and reign. We thank you, Dearest Friend, for your love and compassion. We thank you, Good Shepherd, that even now your Kingdom is advancing.

Leader: You created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. By your Spirit, enable us to live in the joy and power of your Gospel. Amen.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook and Revelation 4 and 5

Choral response

“Is He Worthy?”

Combined Ensembles

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)

But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.)
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord
to be the light within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
he is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? He is.
Worthy is the Lamb!

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)
And does Jesus, our Messiah,
hold forever those he loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
he is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,
he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? He is.

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Call to stewardship

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

*** Hymn of praise**

“O Church, Arise”
(turn page for words and music)

“O Church, Arise”

1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on, hear the call of Christ our cap -
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
3. Come, see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give_ grace for ev - 'ry hur -
tain; for now the weak can say that they are strong in the
tor; and with the sword that makes the woun - ded whole, we will
en; then see his foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a
strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry
Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a -
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the
truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
side, we know the out - come is se - cure; and Christ will have the prize for
way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger
cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died: an in - he - ri - tance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

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* Benediction

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* Postlude

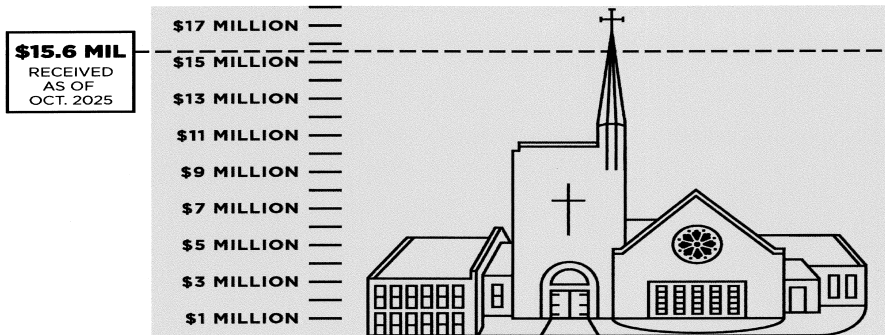
Musicians for this week:

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Joel Christie – soloist
Rebecca Deeg – organ
Xaris Emmett – violin
David Henry – guitar, trumpet
Ellie Henry – soloist
Amanda Hyberger – soloist

Andrew Hyberger – children’s choir accompanist
Brett Hyberger – combined ensemble director
David Kaufmann – bass
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – children’s choir co-director
Kara Riley – girls’ ensemble director

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