

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

L Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

C All of us see the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,

L We are being transformed into the image of Jesus from one degree of glory to another,

C and all of this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #411) *"Arise Your Light Has Come"*

Worship from the Psalms *(from Psalm 146)*

L Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

C When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

L Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

C who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

L The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

C The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

L The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

A Praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call us, but we have not listened. We choose our own paths, which too often are the easy paths that lead to destruction. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Guide us down the narrow and hard paths that lead to life. We pray this through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"Walking Free"

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence

and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-21

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God

Message
Prayer of Affirmation

Bruce Brown

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Red #324)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Call to the Table

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise ... Christ is the bread of life:

C When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

L We give you thanks, that on the night before he died ...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

*Opening Hymn (Blue #368)

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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September 7th, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Dan Badenhop, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Operations meets at 4:00 p.m. on September 9th.

The **NW MVP pastors** meet at noon on Wednesday, September 10th in our church.

Session meets at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15th.

Our **Friendship Luncheon** returns to Hill's, meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16th. Please sign up in the south alcove.

Maumee Valley Presbytery meets on Tuesday, September 16th at 3 p.m. at Cadmus Presbyterian Church in Adrian Michigan.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to the Napoleon Police Department.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

Walking Free

By Micah Tyler, video directed by Elliot Eicheldinger

Lyric version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVnMUKohE1o>

To learn more about Ground 40 and their ministry visit: <https://ground40.com/>

The verdict was guilty
Case closed the end
No chance for me to ever leave
This prison of my sin
I know it might seem crazy
But one day a key unlocked that cell
I heard a small voice say
Your debts been paid by somebody else

Chorus
And now I'm walking walking
Walking free
No more darkness
Guilt has lost its grip on me
When mercy called my name
Those chains fell at my feet
And now I'm walking walking
Walking free

Now I ain't nothing perfect
I still stumble every single day
I still get knocked down
But the difference now
Is that's not where I stay
Cause I've got a Savior
Who knows everywhere I've been
And He's telling me that I never have to
Go back there again

Chorus

Walking free
Walking free

To the one walking wounded
And to the one with regret
Look up and see your victory is just up
ahead
Cause there is a Savior
Who knows everywhere you've been
And He's telling you that you never have
to
Go back there again
So if you know that you never have to
Go back there again

Then sing
I'm walking walking
Walking free
No more darkness
Guilt has lost its grip on me
When mercy called my name
Those chains fell at my feet
And now I'm walking walking
Walking free

Walking free
Walking free yeah
I know I know I know I know
I'm walking free yeah
I'm walking free