

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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“But oh! GOD is in his holy Temple!
Quiet everyone—a holy silence. Listen!”
Habakkuk 2:20 The Message

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

PRELUDE “My Lord, What a Morning”
Spiritual

One: This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) — from Psalm 100, NIV

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**ALL: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

ALL: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**ALL: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*GATHERING HYMN “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

GtG #408

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit

in this place,

and I know that it’s the Spirit
of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions
on each face,
and I know they feel the presence
of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;

And for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings
you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness
and believe;

You're the one to profit
when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus
all the way."

Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;

And for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived

when we shall leave this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON CORPORATE CONFESSION

**God, we wish to be faithful,
but we confess the temptations that mislead us.
Help us to see the desires that shackle us...
the fears that stop us...
the inadequacy that haunts us...
the appetites and attachments that mire us...
help us to see them and to trust
that you set us free from them.
Help us let go of them,
that we may truly be salted by your grace.
God of grace, you set us free.
Help us let go.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — From 1 John 1:5, 7

PEACE OF CHRIST (responsive) — based on John 13:34

One: Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new command I give you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

One As God has given us peace through Christ,

ALL: Let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

*“Gloria Patri”

GtG #581

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC	“A Clare Benediction” (by John Rutter; performed by Choralation Choir of New Zealand)	Video
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		
FIRST LESSON	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Page 224
EPISTLE LESSON	James 4:11-17	Page 1884
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 9:38-50	Page 1569
SERMON	“Can’t Get Too Much of This Salt”	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —	from Book of Confessions 11.1-11.2	GtG Page 37

**In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

RESPONSE HYMN	“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”	GtG #729
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Lord, I want to be a Christian
 in my heart, in my heart;
 Lord, I want to be a Christian
 in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,
 in my heart (in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be a Christian
 in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving

in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.

n my heart, (In my heart,
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,
in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria”

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GtG #606

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN

“Standing on the Promises”

GtG #838

Standing on the promises
 of Christ my king,
 through eternal ages
 let his praises ring;

Glory in the highest,
 I will shout and sing,
 standing on the promises
 of God.

Standing, standing,
 standing on the promises
 of God my Savior;
 standing, standing,
 I'm standing on the promises
 of God.

Standing on the promises
 that cannot fail,
 when the howling storms

of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God
I shall prevail,
standing on the promises
of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises
of God.

Standing on the promises
of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally
by love's strong cord,

Overcoming daily
with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises
of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises
of God.

Standing on the promises
I cannot fall,
listening every moment
to the Spirit's call,

Resting in my Savior
as my all in all,
standing on the promises
of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises
of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises
of God.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

ALL: We go with the assurance of God's blessing.

One: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

ALL: We go with the assurance of God's grace.

One: Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

ALL: We go with the assurance of God's love. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Interlude"
Mark Hayes

Announcements

Welcome! Come to the Potluck!

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us today! Hymns are found in the "Glory to God" (GtG) hymnal in the pews, as well as on the screen. Please sign the red fellowship pad and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, join us upstairs for our "Fifth Sunday" potluck. If you don't have an item to share, come anyway!

Thank you!

Thank you to Butch Plowman for leading us in worship today while Pastor Janet is on vacation. She will be back in the office Thursday, Oct. 3.

Doors locked during service

Session decided to lock the main entrance doors during the worship service. The doors are locked from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The doors are unlocked again between 11 a.m. and noon.

Friday Bible Study returns Oct. 4 at noon

Friday noon group will start our study of the book of Revelation on Oct. 4. All are welcome!

Coming Oct 6—Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, October 6, 2024, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to the by-laws.

Communion servers needed

Can you help serve communion? Please check the signup sheet in the fellowship area to see when servers are needed.

You're Invited!

Wednesday, Oct. 2	Choir Rehearsal 2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Rebekah Circle 10 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Bible Study 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 6	Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m.
<i>World Communion Sunday</i>	Special Congregational Meeting 11 a.m. Social Time after the meeting

Staff

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