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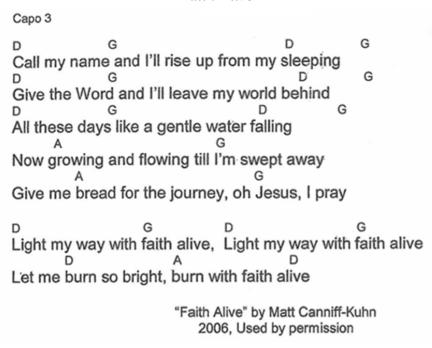
9:15 AM - August 24, 2025 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

**ALIVE! Worship Service** 

## INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

## Faith Alive



#### Love the Lord

#### Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind And with all your strength (REPEAT)

## Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

## Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

# Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

## Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

## Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

## Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

# Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Repeat Chorus - twice

## **PEACE**

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRAYERS**

#### **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### Praise

(congregation remains seated while singing the entire hymn)

## Verse 1

I'll praise in the valley Praise on the mountain I'll praise when I'm sure Praise when I'm doubting I'll praise when outnumbered Praise when surrounded 'Cause praise is the water My enemies drown in

## Pre-Chorus

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to

# Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul I won't be quiet My God is alive How could I keep it inside Praise the Lord oh my soul.

# Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign Praise 'cause You reign Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

# Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul I won't be quiet My God is alive How could I keep it inside Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul A READING Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

Verses 1 & 2



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TEN THOUSAND REASONS

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof

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#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**OFFERTORY** 

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Create in Me a Clean Heart



# LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

## We Will Go Out with Joy



- 1 We will go out with joy
- 2 Now an y one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
- 3 We will go out with joy

in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God. Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy. We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.





Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

# **FOR FURTHER STUDY**

## Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

14 then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## Psalm 103:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

# **ALIVE!** Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director	Lyndsey Ebener	Ricky Lusk
Irelou Moye, Co-Director	David Moye	Julie Ann Payne
Beth Branham	Erin Hall	Ed Redmond
Leah Conrad	Vaughn Hall	Roxanne Rich
Brett Ebener	Steve Hamilton	Sarah Smith
Clark Ebener	Stephanie Liscusky	<b>Guest vocalist</b> Jessica Gibbons

# Worship Assistants

<i>Lector</i>	Rachel Bundrick
Greeter	Grace Fuson
<i>Usher</i>	Ray Conrad
Livestream coordinators	Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



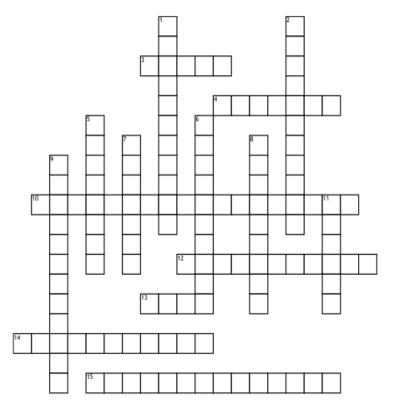
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our Lord, and in honor of Ann Spainhour. 57 years ago, she said two words that blessed my life beyond measure. Ann, thank you for being my forever, Gary.

The bulletin covers are given to the glory of our Lord and in memory of George Freddie Fulmer, Jr., who joined his Heavenly home five years ago; and in honor of Rick Moorer's birthday on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and Sherri Moorer's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 26<sup>th</sup> by Kay and Stephen Fulmer.

# The Seven Sacraments

# **Across**

- 3. The \_\_\_\_ Body turns into the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist
- 4. Symbol of Holy Communion (drink)
- **10.** When a person is very ill
- **12.** Symbol of unity
- **13.** Promises made before God and the community.
- 14. Symbolises Christ and the couple's' families joining in unity





**15.** Confession of sins

# <u>Down</u>

- 1. Another word for baptism.
- 2. What you ask for in Reconciliation
- **5.** Holy Orders and \_\_\_\_\_ are examples of sacraments of service

- 6. Priesthood
- 7. The first sacrament that makes us children of God and members of the church
- **8.** The sacrament that Jesus left us at the last supper
- **9.** Signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit
- 11. Blessed oil

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Stanton Moye Nicole Thompson, Sally McFarland, Tyler Wiggers, Paxton Goings, Jackson Addy, Stephen Hamilton, Mindy Williams, Charlotte Rister, Ray Conrad, Rick Dinkins, Hunter Dinkins.

# **Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Natalie Cook, Grace Kelly, John Richardson, Jana Payne, Karen Holton Joyce Riley, Jackie Macaulay, Nancy Stone-Collum, Carolyn Dufries Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Barbara Raulerson

# **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

John Conrad, Linda Price, Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs Paul Addy, Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

# Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Bill Baney, Henry Mixon, Tyler Corbitt, Eddie Porter, David "Bubba" Martin, Jr. Lara Backman Carter, Wayne Hall, Kimberly Chapman, Betsy Rodgers, Fr. Jason Hamshaw Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Dave Kohr, Helga Guyton Judy Lazarczyk, Mike Baxter, Allan Oliver, John Holland, Tonia Boland, Misty Smith Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Johnny Smith, Anne Moye

# Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

# Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

# The Family Of:

**SCHP Trooper Dennis** 

# **Worship Leaders**