

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

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God is a God of
restoration.
When we place the
broken pieces of our
lives in His hands,
He restores them to a
beauty that far outshines
the former.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church

Prayer of Invitation

Lighting of the Candles

***Invitation to Worship:**

I will bless GOD every chance I get.

I live and breathe GOD; even when things aren't going well, hear this and be blessed.

Join me in spreading the news;
together let's get the word out.

GOD met me more than halfway and freed me from my anxious fears.

Look at him; give him your warmest smile.

Never hide your feelings from him.

When I was desperate, I called out, and GOD gave me strength and courage.

GOD's angel sets up a circle of protection around us
while we pray.

Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good GOD is.

Blessed are you who run to him.

***Hymn of Praise: "Amazing Grace" UMH 378**

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| 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. |
| 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 |
| 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. |
| 4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. |
| 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. |
| 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. |

Prayer of the Congregation:

Great and loving God, we thank you for the teachings and life of Jesus Christ through whom we come to know you. We acknowledge that sometimes what we learn from Jesus is difficult. We are not readily given to self-denial or cross-bearing, so we ask for faith and courage to follow in the ways of Jesus. Give us a bolder vision of who we can be in you. Inspire us to love and serve others as a thankful response to your love and gifts for us. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer

Young Disciples' Time

Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/ *Doxology UMH # 95

Hymn of Preparation:

“Through It All”

UMH #507

Verse 1

I've had many tears and sorrows. I've had questions for tomorrow
There've been times I didn't know right from wrong
But in ev'ry situation God gave blessed consolation
That my trials come to only make me strong

CHORUS

Verse 2

I've been to lots of places and I've seen a lot of faces
There've been times I felt so all alone
But in my lonely hours yes, those precious lonely hours
Jesus let me know that I was His own

CHORUS

Verse 3

I thank God for the mountains and I thank Him for the valleys
I thank Him for the storms He brought me through
For if I'd never had a problem I wouldn't know that He could solve them
I'd never know what faith in God could do

CHORUS

CHORUS:

**Through it all through it all
I've learned to trust in Jesus
I've learned to trust in God
Through it all through it all
I've learned to depend upon His word.**

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Written Word of the Lord:

Old Testament Reading: Job 42:1-6; 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD:

² “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴ ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

***Mark 10:46-52 The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus**

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Spoken Word:

Service of Holy Communion (8:30 service only)

***Hymn of Commitment: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH 454**

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| <p>1. Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; Place in my hand the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.</p> |
| <p>2. Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.</p> |
| <p>3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.</p> |

Benediction



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound and/or residing in nursing homes and for those in the military

Kathy McKeown, Anne Chappell, George & Mary Eastes, the church, Willie Lyles, Lydia Lehmborg, Blan Zesch, Steve and Debra Moore, Travis Jenschke, Daveen Jorgensen, Carol Jordan, Erin Lehmborg, Jimmie Schmidt, Dwight Williams, Cynthia Jackson, Carolyn Toepfich, Jan Jordan Carpenter and the family of Gene Merck (brother of Nancy Kramer).

Matt Adam (USAF), Houston Haley (USAF), Joseph Alba (U.S. Army), T.J. Schovajsa (U.S. Army), Ferd T. Slocum III (U.S. Navy), James Vacek (U.S. Navy), Truman Coe (U.S. Navy), Kaleb Owen (USAF), Britney Schovajsa (U.S. Army), and Kalyn Bauer

Calendar

(CR= Conference Room; GR=Gathering Room; SH=Social Hall)

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| Sunday, October 24 |
| <i>Birthday: Tom Tannehill</i> |
| 8:30 AM Worship with Communion |
| 9:45 Confirmation Class AND Sunday School for all ages |
| 11:00 Worship |
| 11:00 Worship on KHLB 102.5 FM |
| 4:00 Boy Scouts (CR) |
| Monday, October 25 |
| <i>Birthdays: Van Rea & Koy Grote</i> |
| 9:30 A.M. Prayer Shawl (GR) |
| 10:00-11:00 Walk 2 Be Fit |
| 4:30 Bible Study (GR) |
| Tuesday, October 26 |
| <i>Birthdays: Tiffany Klaerner & Madelyn Heath</i> |
| 9:00- 10:30 Steady Steps Chapel |
| Wednesday, October 27 |
| 7:00 – 8:00 A.M. Band of Brothers |
| 10:00- 11:00 A.M. Walk 2 Be Fit (SH) |
| 5:30 Choir Practice |
| Thursday, October 28 |
| <i>Birthday: Pattie Grote</i> |
| 7:30- 9:00 A.M.-Early Birds Women’s Bible Study (ZOOM) |
| Beginning a new study <u>The Traveler’s Gift</u> |
| 9:00 A.M. TOTS |
| Friday, October 29 |
| 10:00- 11:00 A.M. Walk 2 Be Fit (SH) |
| 3:00 – 6:00 PM Flu & COVID shot clinic for those qualified |
| Saturday, October 30 |
| <i>Birthdays: Hap Hedges, Doris Grote, Derrick Schulze & Barbara Pluenneke</i> |
| Sunday, October 31 |
| <i>Birthday: Dianna Dail</i> |
| 8:30 AM Worship with Communion |
| 9:45 Confirmation Class AND Sunday School for all ages |
| 11:00 Worship |
| 11:00 Worship on KHLB 102.5 FM |
| 4:00 Boy Scouts (CR) |