ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

"Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." - Psalm 95: 6-7

WELCOME—ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 2:8-11

And being found in human form, [Jesus] humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WORSHIP IN SONG What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this. What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to know you, meditate on you, gaze on you, to sit like Mary at your feet, to lean like John on your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

WORSHIP IN SONG 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 heaven 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 every 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 every 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 blessed, 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.

WORSHIP IN SONG Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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 first begun.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

WORSHIP IN SONG Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, l want to see You.

[Kids from Preschool to Kindergarten (ages 3-6) may be dismissed to Kids' Worship. Teachers are waiting to lead them out of the sanctuary.]

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Sermon: "Enlightened in Christ" - David Story

WORSHIP IN SONG Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit, and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home.

BENEDICTION