

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 21, 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 *Galatians 3:8*

*And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”*

## WORSHIP IN SONG Christ Our Wisdom

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled when You hide Your ways from us;  
You have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.  
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts;  
give us grace to see more clearly; You are God, and we are not.

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness when we fail to understand;  
You ordain all joy and sadness to fulfill Your perfect plan.  
Help us know You rule with power over ev’ry raging flood;  
in our most uncertain hour, You are God, and we are loved.

Christ our wisdom, we will follow though the way ahead is veiled;  
As we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed.  
Help us cling to Your commandments, strengthened by Your faithful Word;  
we will never be abandoned; You are God and we are Yours.

Christ our wisdom, we adore You for the beauty of the cross;  
once in foolishness we scorned You, but Your blood has ransomed us.  
Help us sing the endless mercies of Your humble heart to save;  
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory, You are God, forever praised.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich, and in Jesus Christ you came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Though Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Hebrews 4:14-16*

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

## WORSHIP IN SONG Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’m come;  
and I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

## WORSHIP IN SONG All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us; all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation; all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
steadfast through the Spirit’s guiding; all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, “All is well.”  
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
yes, in living and in dying, all must be well.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## WORSHIP IN SONG Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,  
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose,  
ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
ever, only, all for Thee.

*[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 3:1-13*

Sermon: *“Purpose in Christ ” - David Story*

## WORSHIP IN SONG Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
then sin and death will be destroyed,  
and we will feast in endless joy,  
when Christ is ours forevermore.

## BENEDICTION