

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 19, 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 *Matthew 11:28-29*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

WORSHIP IN SONG *Come People of the Risen King*

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from ev'ry land, Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands—find the riches of His grace.
O-ver all the world, His people sing— shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, “Our God is all in all.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Romans 5:19-21*

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORSHIP IN SONG *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior di-vine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream, shall o'er me
roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

WORSHIP IN SONG *Let the Nations be Glad*

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim
to the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

*Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice, for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,
for salvation belongs to our God. Let the nations be glad.*

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we, holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
shall endure all things to win the crown of life.

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power
with the glories of the gospel to exclaim,
now we pray Your Kingdom come, and we pray Your will be done
for the honor and glory of Your name.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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 over 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.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish, Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest
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.

*[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 4:1-16*

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

WORSHIP IN SONG *O Church, Arise*

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken; then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come put strength in every stride. Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run, with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace.
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ, we stand in glory.

BENEDICTION