

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 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 *Malachi 3:1*

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

WORSHIP IN SONG *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are the substance; that they are quicksand, but you are the mountain; that they are shifting, but you are the anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Philippians 3:8-9*

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

WORSHIP IN SONG *Give Thanks*

Give thanks, with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong;”
Let the poor say, “I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.”

WORSHIP IN SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai’s height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory o’er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORSHIP IN SONG *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most high!”

*[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: *Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 40:3-5*
New Testament Reading - Luke 1:5-25

Sermon: *“Messengers of the Messiah's Birth: Zechariah” - David Story*

WORSHIP IN SONG *Indescribable*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring, ev'ry creature unique
In the song that it sings. All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name. You are amazing, God;
All powerful, untamable. Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim, “You are amazing, God.”*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom.

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As we humbly proclaim, “You are amazing, God.”*

Incomparable, unchangeable. You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same, You are amazing, God.
Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name. You are amazing, God.

BENEDICTION