

August 8, 2021

* = All who are able please stand.

boldface = congregation participates

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

Special flowers are in
celebration of Roland &
Wendy Borke's 40th and
Gary & Margaret Schiefer's
49th wedding
anniversaries.



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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Move us, Joyful God, take our hands and lead us in your dance of creation. When we are uncertain, guard our hearts with your peace. When our steps falter, surround us with the strength of your Spirit. Guide us, Dancing God, until we are move and sing with the joy of your salvation. Amen.

PRELUDE: (9:00) *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* arr. Cindy Berry
(11:15) *Glorified, Blessed and Worthy* arr. Lyndell Leatherman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, do you hear that sweet sound? That melody of grace and love being offered here?

People: God's song brings harmony to our lives.

Leader: The play of rhythms is the heartbeat of the Holy Spirit, and it runs through all we do.

People: May the song of God be the soundtrack of worship, and get stuck in our heads as we live each day. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light and the melody of your song. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: God's mercy is everlasting and Jesus intercedes on our behalf.
We are forgiven!

People: Alleluia, Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI [#581]

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful Joyful

Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; God will rejoice over you with gladness, the Lord will renew you in his love; God will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *God Sings*

Responding to the Word

***HYMN #679**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high. "Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King." Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold; join with children's songs of praise; worship God through length of days. From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DOXOLOGY [#606]**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #316**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son. As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess That we may love each other well, in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Going Forth to Serve

*BLESSING

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION [#468]**

In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

POSTLUDE: (9:00) *Praise Him! Praise Him!*
(11:15) *Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

arr. Mark Hayes
by Tom Birchwood

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Jenny McMyler, Reader (11:15)
Joyful Noise Ringers handbell choir
Lauren Cochran, Pastor
Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director
Darlene Richards, Organ
Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor