ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE *Lord of All Hopefulness* arr. Robert Hobby

† **HYMN NO. 61** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ANTHEM *Prayer of Mother Teresa* Craig Courtney
Abby Sandlin, Soloist

Lord, help me spread Your fragrance wherever I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
That my life may be only a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me, and be so in me
That every soul I know will feel
Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You.

HYMN NO. 620 (v. 1) *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

HYMN NO. 496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* SWEET HOUR
(Please remain seated)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Jack Schrader

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

† **DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Please remain standing for the scripture)

† **SCRIPTURE** Matthew 26:26-28 NIV Rev. Tony Johnson

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

REFLECTIONS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. John Ray

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

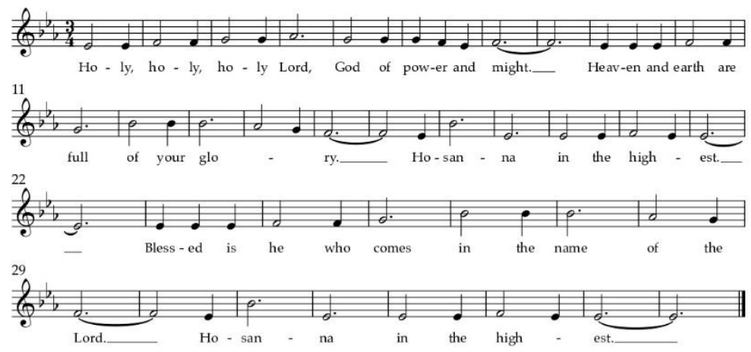
All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Nancy Harper

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and juice.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

† **HYMN NO. 593** *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD
During this hymn, we invite you to be in a time of prayer.
If so led, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to pray.

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

† **POSTLUDE** *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Albert Travis

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† Congregation stands, **Bold** congregation read aloud, ***Bold Italic*** congregation sings.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Abby Sandlin, Soloist

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:30 Luke Bridges Steve Halsey
11:00 Luke Bridges Henry Collis

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of our daughter, Jennifer, on her 40th birthday,
given by Sally and Art Dumais
In loving memory of Buddy & Jenny Roberts, given by Joel & Dianne Roberts

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by the Faith Class.

CONGRATULATIONS

To John & Karen Ray on the birth of their granddaughter,
Julia Madeline Ray
To Kristi & Jeff Rodgers on the birth of their grandson,
Shepherd Kyle Watson

NAMETAGS

Just a quick reminder to please wear your nametag at church on Sunday! Everyone should have one in the cabinets in the Narthex. If you have lost yours please call the office to request a new one. It really helps everyone put names to faces and makes connecting a lot easier – especially for new members and guests.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to sign in with the iPad when attending services on Sunday. We have multiple locations to scan your card or barcode. We have 2 for the Sanctuary entrances, 1 for the Gym for the Modern entrance and 1 for the Welcome Center. If you need a bar code key fob or a barcode for your nametag please call the church office.

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