

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Bernard Raley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.

Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,
we live with Christ in our hearts.

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The Holy One enlightens the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we are called. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
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†HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

No. 156

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. *(Refrain)*

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *(Refrain)*

4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *(Refrain)*

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00 AM)

As the Children come forward, let us sing together "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong,
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER *Following each petition, the pastor will lead the response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

No. 526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The word of God for the people of God.

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SERMON

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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 467

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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(5/09)	8:00 am	9:00 am	11:00 am
Facebook		21	20
Online Streaming		4	10
Worship	12	164	120

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PARAGOULD FUMC HAPPENINGS

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**First United Methodist Church
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