



November 17, 2024
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Stewardship Moment

Prelude

I'll Be a Friend of His

Peterson

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Liturgist

We approach the God of grace and glory,
who has called us to worship this day.

We arrive from the chaos of our world
into the clarity of God's presence.

We leave the struggles of our lives
to embrace the power of God's love.

May this hour bring us courage
and a time to strengthen our faith.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

“Please bow your heads as I offer the opening prayer.”

Great and mighty God, open our hearts
to the power of your Holy Spirit.

Open our minds to the wisdom of your Word.

Help us run the race of life with faithful perseverance
and with steadfast love. Amen.

Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Liturgist

As you share signs of peace, spark acts of love and good deeds everywhere you go.

Please turn to those around you and greet them with the peace of the resurrected Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Look at the World

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Liturgist

O Lord, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another.

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

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Sermon

"Debt of Love"

Pastor Larry

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8

UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

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.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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.

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist

God doesn't ask us to give our first-born child or the last cent we own. God asks for hearts of generosity and gifts lovingly given. Out of gratitude for God's trustworthy love and generous gifts, let us return gifts of gratitude to God.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Devotion

Nordman

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!***

**Prayer of Dedication*

Liturgist

Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Go Make of All Disciples

UMH 571

*“Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.*

Postlude

Come With Rejoicing

Morrison

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

*Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, Shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us. **Refrain***

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. **Refrain***

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. **Refrain***

MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY

*Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own;
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift upon high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*

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I AM THINE, O LORD

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.*

Refrain:

***Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.***

*2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.*

(Refrain)

*3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!*

(Refrain)

*4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.*

(Refrain)