



January 12, 2025

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

I Lift My Eyes to the Hills

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

Susan Hubbuch

We hear God's voice.

It thunders through creation.

God's voice is strong.

It shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

God is still speaking.

Calling out our names.

Listen for God.

God calls us beloved.

Opening Prayer

Susan Hubbuch

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love.

Gather us in as your beloved children.

Open our ears to hear your voice.

Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love.

May your waters of grace pour over us,
renewing us for your work in the world.

Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

Hymn

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Susan Hubbuch

Peace is a gift of God's love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace!

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

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

I Lift My Heart

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Susan Hubbuch

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons^[a]:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. **8** God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **10** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Spirit Song

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Sermon

"Keep Walking"

Pastor Larry

The Apostle's Creed

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**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

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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

Susan Hubbuch

We live in security, trusting God's abundant care. Let us give with joy, serving Jesus Christ, God's beloved child.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesus, My Lord

Frick

**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*

Susan Hubbuch

Loving God, you bless us with your love.

You know each one of us.

We live in confidence and trust,

knowing you care for us.

We bring these gifts to you, our source of life.

Use them, we pray,

that others may experience your grace

and live free from fear. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain,

That Jesus Christ is born.

Postlude

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Darwall

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

*2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

SPIRIT SONG

*O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
And his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
and make you whole.*

Refrain:
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.

*O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
Give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **Refrain***

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!***

*2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)*

*3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*