



*You also became God's people
when you heard the true message,
the Good News that brought you salvation.
You believed in Christ, and
God put his stamp of ownership on you
by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised.*
Eph. 1:13 (GNT)



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On YouTube this Week

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRfyrzqqmMD8rlcivF1>

Several Hymn Videos,

Lectionary / Scripture Lessons for the week.

Sunday Worship 2 - Responding to the Word - 9:30 am

Also Links to "Anthem" selection suggestion from Cathy.

All previous videos remain available for viewing, in other play lists.



JULY 11, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP I

9:00AM

SMALL GROUP / IN HOME - PRAYERS & PRAISE

PREFACE

We see small groups ("in home gatherings") both as a stepping stone toward eventually regathering as a larger group on July 18, and as a means to support faith both for those not yet comfortable with joining, and for those who have not yet joined, or cannot join with us in our facilities.

They will also be a venue for experiencing worship elements that are not included in our time together for in-person worship at the church facility.

So, as promised, our YouTube presence will continue, though modified in format, even as we resume in person gatherings, NEXT WEEK (July 18) 9:00a at HUMC, 10:00a at CUMC (barring unforeseen difficulties.)

We will begin promptly. We will record, and post the recording later on Sunday.

Some small at-home groups have been meeting; I urge you to continue to gather, with a few friends this week, and even as we resume in-person events.

Small groups the first step toward regathering as a larger group.

How can we be comfortable with many if we are not comfortable with a few? As we become skilled with these, the larger groups will also become easier.

Please review this video - <https://youtu.be/aFzpQxfv0x0>. Small Group In Home Worship.

It is in the current week playlist. It will provide assistance for the group you host.

Though the video mentions it, this is not a communion Sunday. That part does not apply this week. Again, this liturgy is not to constrain your worship experience, but to facilitate it.

Use it, adapt it, modify it as works best for you.

There are nearly 70 hymns that have been placed in playlists "Hymns for Worship", and more in "Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette". So there are a number of music alternatives for your possible use, beyond the suggestions you will find in this order of service.

There is also an anthem suggestion from Cathy, which may be used when you wish. You may already have listened to it, and may wish to listen again.

Or maybe listen the first time this morning, or even later... your choice.

The first part of the liturgy will probably last less than 30 minutes.

Anything uncompleted may be returned to after the second part, again as you see fit.

Even though you will see me managing graphics, etc, I will be on in "live-stream" format at 9:30, rather than a pre-recorded video. Then at 11:00 we will gather via Zoom.

I will be praying for each and all of you as you gather for the first part of the liturgy.

Estimating participation during the pandemic continues to be strictly a guess.

You can help by letting me know the real numbers from your groups.

Our "Re-Entering Well Task Force" will continue to work as we continue to try to make everyone feel welcome and cared for.



~Pastor Dave

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

*Select some prelude music to set the atmosphere for your group.
As mentioned above, you have options. Possibilities might include ...*

Children of the Heavenly Father 141
This Is My Father's World 144

OPENING WORDS

At your starting time greet one another in the name of Christ.

Perhaps In Unison: **May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us,
and with the rest of our church family, this very day.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eph. 1:5, 11-12 & Psalm 85:10-11 *FotW & TMO/PO*

**God has accomplished all things through Christ,
so that we might live as God's own children.**

**Let us give thanks to God
and live for the praise of God's glory.**

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

HYMN

Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
*Perhaps **Stand Up and Bless the Lord** – #662,
or maybe **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** – #66*

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

AMOS 7:7-15

CALL TO CONFESSION

(assigned part) *(Amos 7:7-15) - TMO/PO & FotW*

**Will we hear the prophet's words?
When we stand next to God's plumb line,
will we be truthful about how we do not measure up?
Even still, Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness;
Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray
and confess our sins to God.**

<silent prayers>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

TMO/PO

**Holy God, you send prophetic truth-tellers
to shed light on the ways we have failed,
the ways we need to grow,
the ways we can be and become better.
Yet, we turn from these harsh truths.
We avoid situations where we might receive constructive criticism.
We disempower people whose voices are necessary
for our own growth and liberation.
Forgive us, we pray,
and help us become willing listeners to your prophets, and
to people of different perspectives and
to those bold enough to preach and speak the truth. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(assigned parts / unison)

(Isaiah 43:1) - TMO/PO & FotW (alt)

God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."
Sisters and brothers, God rescues and forgives us
and strengthens us for love;
therefore be at peace.

**We have heard and we trust the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

HYMN *(Optional)*

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
perhaps Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound - #378*

INTERCESSIONS

(different persons in your group for the different portions)

TMO/PO & FotW

(adapted and supplemented)

*Using these words or others, pray as a group
for the needs of friends, family, the church, our community, and the larger world.*

Light print portions all could be offered by one, or assigned to different individuals.

*This is an aid to worship. Spontaneous prayers are a good way to pray as well!
One approach may be to assign each area of prayer to a different participant.*

*Almighty God, you have set a plumb line
from the foundation of the world to lead us into truth.
Receive our prayers of hope and healing
on behalf of the church and the world.*

*Stir up in us the power to care for your creation,
not as resources to be exploited, but as a precious gift
to be held in trust as a revelation of your faithfulness.*

[silence]

Specific Concerns may be named...

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

*God of healing and wholeness,
as the world is opening, people are traveling,
and our faces are once again being seen from behind our masks,
it would be easy to forget: where we've been, what we've learned, who we've lost.
Help us, Holy God, not to be so desperate to move forward that we fail to appreciate the present:
the communion of friends gathering, the sounds of children summering,
the open road of vacation adventuring.*

*Help us, Holy God, not to be so desperate to move on
that we neglect to pray for those still suffering:
the businesses forced to close, employees laid off, families grieving loved ones lost,
COVID patients still waiting for renewed health,
countries without access to vaccines.*

[silence]

Specific Concerns may be named...

Hear our prayers for healing and peace. . . .

*Grant us faith, hope, and imagination to see your vision of the fullness of time
when weapons will be crushed by peace,
stomachs will be filled by abundant harvests generously shared,
and thirsts quenched by pure rain falling from clean skies;
diseases will be healed, minds made clear, and bodies made new,
so that all things reveal oneness in Christ.*

[silence]

Specific Concerns may be named...

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

*Give wisdom to all leaders and people
to resist the earthly powers of fear and violence
that destroy our common life.*

*In the face of injustice, oppression, and brutal power,
strengthen our wavering wills to stand in the power of Christ.*

[silence]

Specific Concerns may be named...

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregations, our Annual Conference, and our denomination.

*We pray also for your church by many names and in many lands.
Inspire your church to share Christ's love beyond the safety of its walls,
and fill us with an infectious joy for sharing your gospel
as we welcome your coming reign.*

[silence]

Specific Concerns may be named...

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

*Help us, Holy God, embrace the lessons we have learned,
the grace we have received, and the hope you offer every day,
but especially in the tough and tragic days
when we lean on our faith to get us through.*

You are here for us, God, and we are grateful.

*Help us be here for each other —
acting as your hands and feet in a hurting world.*

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Hear our secret prayers. . . .

[silence]

*United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ
we lift these prayers up to you,*

God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

*Gather our prayers and conform them to your will,
we pray in the name of Jesus', who taught us these words to pray*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UNISON

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.

SUGGESTED ANTHEM

- at this time or another - as your situation permits

It Is Well with My Soul

Last September I sent you this YouTube of "It Is Well with My Soul." It is sung by BYU Vocal Point, an A Cappella group. Back in September we were all needing the words in this hymn, that all would be well. Today we are seeing a promising future with this pandemic. We pray, as this hymn says, we will have peace, and our sorrows will be gone, and all will be well with our soul. We still have trials ahead, but with our Lord by our sides, we will get through these trying times. I hope this hymn brings you some peace and hope for tomorrow. Peace and hope to you always, Cathy and Clark

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP RESOURCES - TIME/SITUATION PERMITTING

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*Listen to the Scripture video, in the playlist,
or have members of the group read them for the group... translations of your choosing ... (or both?).*

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	2 Samuel 6:1–19	Psalm 24
<i>Or Complementary</i>	Amos 7:7–15	Psalm 85:8–13
<i>Both</i>	Ephesians 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your group, take note of any other announcements that also should be shared and inform the pastor as soon as may be practical. (Zoom, Email, Text, Phone...)

HYMN

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist, such as perhaps
The Earth Is the Lord's (Gillette)
or **From All That Dwell Below the Skies** # 101
or use another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.*

Get some coffee or other refreshments, as time and opportunity present.

Handle this sensitively and wisely within your particular group.

Then, at 9:30 - Start the YouTube - Live Stream

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ORDER OF WORSHIP II

9:30AM

LIVE-STREAM - RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE/PRELUDE

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER *(UNISON)*

TMO/PO

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
Open us to your lifegiving Word.
Quiet the voices within us
that do not align with your will.
Focus our minds on the message you intend for us
so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER

Amos 7:7–8

FotW

**Eternal God, from the foundation of the world,
you have set a plumb line to measure our lives
so that we may live in truth.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
strengthen our hands for building justice and making peace
through the righteousness of Christ. Amen.**

SERMON

PRAYER

FotW

Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you.
Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us
so that we can faithfully follow and joyfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ,
for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

AFFIRMATION

(UNISON)

(from A Brief Statement of Faith - PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

TMO/PO & FotW (alt)

*Consider what God has given to us in Jesus Christ;
remember that, even now, the Holy Spirit dwells in us;
God's abundance cannot be matched.
We are inspired to be generous by a generous God.
We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers.
Rejoicing that we are part of God's plan for all time.
We present all our gifts, in thanksgiving.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

Gracious God, in offering your our gifts,
we are bringing but a small part
of what you already have given to us...
we bring these gifts in token of our lives.
Take these offerings, we pray,
and multiply them for your use.
May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need,
to those most vulnerable.
May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity,
abate the desire to hoard,
and spread the desire to share. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time off ...

Only Mon/Tue this week.

Small Group Psalm Study
Open Office Hour - (Zoom)

Wed. 3p
Wed. 7p

Re-entering Well Task Force announcement: **HUMC Zoom Meeting - Thur, Jul 15?**
In Person Worship - Both Churches - Unless you hear otherwise... July 18
9:00am at HUMC, 10:00am at CUMC - NOTICE THE TIMES.
We will begin promptly on the hour.
We will continue to have YouTube for those unable to join us.
and videos will be posted as soon as I can, Sunday afternoon/eve

Zoom Fellowship at 11am

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FotW

*Go forth in joy and peace, for you are God's beloved.
Do not hold back the power of the Spirit;
celebrate with all your might Christ's victory over sin and death.
Be brave and tell the truth about evil.
Serve the weak;
comfort the grieving;
encourage the despairing;
honor everyone to whom respect is due.
Remember that in life and in death,
body and soul, you belong to God,
who promises resurrection in Jesus Christ.*

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Thanks be to God who gives the victory.

*God's faithfulness, kindness and grace, are unceasing.
May you go into the coming days strengthened,
overflowing with God's boundless love.
May God's accompanying presence by the Holy Spirit
be palpable, so that you are signs of God's Kingdom.
God's blessing is upon you, and God will keep you.
May grace and peace be yours, in abundance.
And may God find pleasure in your hours and in your deeds.*

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

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Zoom Fellowship at 11am

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By Pastor Dave

Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary

Week of July 11, 2021

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LECTIONARY

*Semicontinuous
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2 Samuel 6:1–19
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Psalm 24
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Mark 6:14–29

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

To experience one's self as God's beloved is a gift beyond compare.

For some, it is difficult to receive such a gift; for others, such grace comes more easily.

How can we deepen our experience of that gift in ourselves? How might we encourage this gift in others?

The readings suggest comparing the exuberant dancing and merrymaking of David to Paul's enthusiastic description of the Christian's calling, while contrasting these to the deathly revelries of Herod's court. How do you know which present-day occasions to celebrate fully and which to speak out against?

MORNING PRAYERS:

O God of steadfast love and faithfulness, as I awaken this day in expectation,
I turn my heart toward you, for I am your beloved.

Fill me with your wisdom and insight, and guide my feet into the way of peace
as I walk your righteous path. Amen.

Creator of light, I greet you as the morning dawns. Thank you for this new day.

May it be for me a sign and an anticipation of your coming kingdom.

Fill me with the energy I will need to love all whom I meet today.

I pray that I harm no one and that I may have the mind of Christ as I live in the world he came to save.

Receive my body, mind, and spirit as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving
for the love you show me in Jesus Christ.

Where my wholeness is broken by sin or sickness or the weight of the day, let me seek you in repentance,
reach out to you for healing, and lay my burdens before your throne of grace.

When the time for rest comes, let me find my repose in you,
my comfort in life and my hope of life everlasting, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS:

Recounting both the blessings and challenges of this day, I give thanks to you, O God,
for my hope is in Christ who makes all things new, and so I rest this night. Amen.

Faithful God, where I am now the earth is turning away from the sun
so that for other parts of the world, the day is just beginning.

Thank you for abiding with us through the day and through the night.

As I gather up thoughts of the hours just past and reflect on what, if anything, they mean,
guide my meditations.

There were times when you used me to love someone with Christ's love,
to encourage someone with a word from the Spirit, to comfort someone with your tender touch,
to challenge someone with your mighty arm.

Let me not be proud, arrogant, or boastful. Let me rejoice in your goodness and mercy.

I have sinned against you and others this day. I am sorry.

By your Spirit, help me to turn away from my sins. Forgive me through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Let me go to my rest this night in peace, trusting not in my own goodness, but rejoicing in your glory.

If it is your will, let me rise to a new day, giving thanks and praise to you, the triune God,
now and forever. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Eritrea, Ethiopia

11 - 17 July 2021

More may be found here: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

Give thanks for:

- ✓ *the long centuries of Christian history in Ethiopia and Eritrea*
- ✓ *the current work of Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical churches amid difficult circumstances*
- ✓ *those who have provided humanitarian aid, especially during times of drought and hunger*
- ✓ *those who have worked for peaceful relations between Eritrea and Ethiopia.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *victims of human rights abuses*
- ✓ *greater understanding and respect among the many ethnic groups*
- ✓ *lasting peace and reconciliation between Ethiopia and Eritrea*
- ✓ *the emergence of more democratic governance that respects human rights and furthers justice for all ethnic groups and minorities.*

Prayers

Prayer of St Dionysius (818)

A Chain of Prayer across the Ages,

comp. Selina Fitzherbert Fox, John Murray, London, UK, 6th ed., 1941

O God Eternal, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair,
in whom is calmness and peace:
reconcile the differences which divide us from one another
and bring us back into the unity of love which may bear some likeness to your divine nature.
Grant that we may be spiritually one,
both within ourselves and with one another,
through the grace, mercy and tenderness of your son, Jesus Christ.

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Prayer from Eritrea

Thank you, dear Jesus,
for being a good shepherd to all believers.
When we are lost from your flock,
you never sleep until you bring us back,
and there is rejoicing in heaven and on earth.
Our daily shepherd, our defender, our protector,
thank you for keeping us from all evil,
from fearful, harmful things
and for preserving us from all unbelief.
In your name we pray.

From the Holy Liturgy of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church

Call to prayer in the morning

Priest: The grace of God be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Let us glorify our God.
People: It is right, it is just.
Priest: Strengthen the thought of your heart.
People: We lift them unto the Lord our God,
Our Father who art in heaven,
Our Father who art in heaven,
Our Father who art in heaven,
lead us not into temptation.
Oh we thank you, Oh Lord. Amen.