



Order of Worship for 8/10/25

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*** Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 50

From the rising of the sun to where it sets,
God, the Lord, speaks calling out to the earth.

From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines brightly.

Those who offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving honor God.
To those who chart the correct path God will show divine salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread which you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN #281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 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.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God who is near, we confess that we have demanded certainty from the mystery of who you are. We have pressured one another toward clarity when, in truth, we often do not know what we believe or think. We have made you into a caricature that is easy to digest as opposed to a divine, cosmic force. We elevate our own intellect, terrified to become honest about the limitations of the human imagination. Forgive us our arrogance, that we might be graciously led into the abiding mystery of the divine, and in mystery find true rest. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven.

*** HYMN #577**

Glory Be to the Father

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Old Testament page 630

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

New Testament page 225

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** HYMN #399**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

And so we sing with all the saints on earth
and all the angels in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are
yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION *(Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN #396

O for a Closer Walk with God

1 O for a closer walk with God, 1 O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn
And drove Thee from my breast.

3 The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

4 So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Book of Common Worship* (1993 and 2018) and *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human* by Cole Arthur Riley.

