# **Order of Worship**

# Your Story, My Story—God's Story

## August 17, 2025 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean Robert Lowry

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

Let me all your love accepting, love you, ever all my days; Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise;

**Welcome** Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Greeting

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Hymn God Is Here

**Prayer of Confession** 

Leader: Let us pray:

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,

so that we can amend our lives

and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

People: We confess that we fear what is different.

We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to

receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love,

or vote the way we vote.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life

and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive

way of living, so we ask you to do that.

We ask you to give us the courage to change.

We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader:

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers.

People: Amen.

Anthem From This Bright Hour

Mark A. Miller

Instant Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32 Kelsey White

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Grace Waits Rev. Hopkins

Morning Prayer Lisa Gibbs-Smith

#### Offering

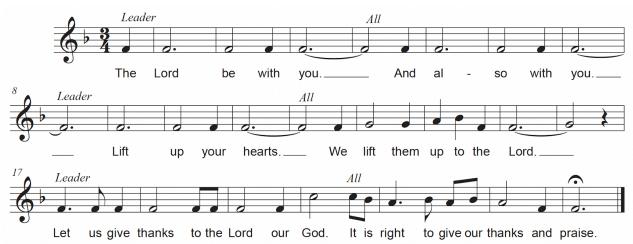
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**Holy Communion** Rev. Hopkins

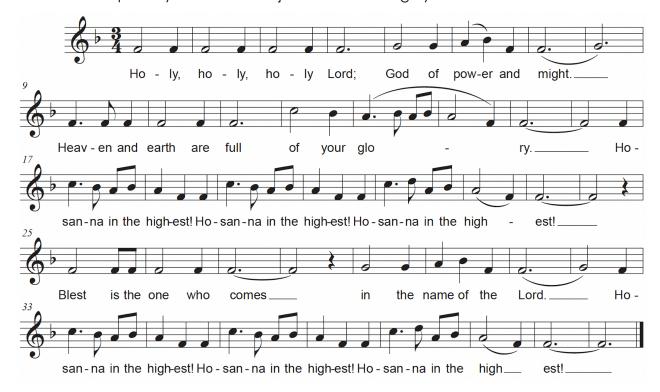
In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive communion.



### The pastor continues...

And so,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### The pastor continues...

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



#### The pastor continues...

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



And now with the confidence of children of God,

let us pray as our Lord taught us:

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.

| Sending Forth |                  | Whitney Maine |
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| *Hymn         | Lord, I Need You | see songsheet |
| *Benediction  |                  | Rev. Hopkins  |
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