

Order of Worship

Your Story, My Story—God's Story

August 3, 2025 10:00 AM

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

Prelude **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** arr. Larson
Steve McBride, organ

Welcome Fran Underwood

Greeting

Leader: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

People: Delight in God's goodness!

Leader: Praise God who gives each person a special gift
to be nurtured and shared.

People: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

People: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!

Hymn **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us gather in prayer.

Merciful God, You are our protector, our guide and our saviour.

We bring to you our failures, disappointments, our wrong doings,
our short tempers, our untruths and our difficulties.

We are human and we get things wrong,

at home, at work, in church, at school, with family, friends and neighbors.

We do not look after our planet or ourselves as you would like.

**All: Knowing that we do not always do the right thing is difficult,
but knowing that you are there for us can help us.**

Show us the best way.

Accept our remorse as we know that you will forgive us,

you will show us your love and we will be able to move forward.

Teach us new ways of being your children in this world.

And let us speak of you,

knowing we are loved by your unconditional grace and mercy.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: O God, your heart is full of mercy.

May we hear and trust your words to each of us:

'Your sins are forgiven.' May we forgive each other and forgive ourselves.

Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

Rev. Hopkins

Hymn

Come Let Us Dream

Morning Prayer

Fran Underwood

God who calls us to follow in love,

call from your Church people to help.

Offering

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Holy Communion

Rev. Hopkins

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

Leader *All*

The Lord be with you._____ And al - so with you.____

Leader *All*

____ Lift up your hearts.____ We lift them up to the Lord.____

Leader *All*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. _____

17 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho -

25 san-na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____

33 Blest is the one who comes _____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -

san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high _____ est! _____

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.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The pastor continues...

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



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

*Hymn	Whatever You Do	W&S 3128
*Benediction		Rev. Hopkins
Postlude	I Will Magnify the Lord Steve McBride, organ	Mark Williams

About the bulletin cover: Richard Norris Brooke was an American artist known for portraying African American subjects in his genre pieces. His depictions were not caricatures, but rather sympathetic portraits, in contrast to many of his contemporaries. *Pastoral Visit, Virginia* shows a pastor being welcomed by a kind and humble family for a Sunday dinner at their house. The mother serves the pastor as the children and father sit patiently. The father guards the cigar box, which traditionally held the congregation's offering for the pastor that Sunday. On the chair between the father and pastor lies a banjo, perhaps for a bit of after-dinner entertainment. The faithful and loving service of this family does not go unnoticed as they practice "what is right" according to the ways of the Lord (Ps. 25:9).

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