

Proclaiming a **Hope**Building a **Home**Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, July 6, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 6, 2025 | 10:45 a.m.

*O Day of Rest and Gladness

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862



^{*}Please stand, if able.

*Call to Worship1

Psalm 103:1-2, 8-9, 17-19, 22

Elder: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his

holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...

Elder: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and

abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will

he keep his anger forever.

People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to

everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and

remember to do his commandments.

Elder: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his

kingdom rules over all.

All: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, verses 1-3, 5

Hymn No. 53

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, traditional German melody, 1665 Lyrics: Based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty.

From there He shall come to judge the living and the

dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Doxology

Hymn No. 731

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551; Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1709

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

²The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the oppressing city! ²She listens to no voice; she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD; she does not draw near to her God...

⁵The LORD within her is righteous; he does no injustice; every morning he shows forth his justice; each dawn he does not fail; but the unjust knows no shame.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: O heavenly Father, we confess, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that You love us as You do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of Your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up Your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn No. 457

Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825; Lyrics: Robert Robinson, 1758

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Mark Levy

Offertory

"I Give You Jesus" Ora Reed, soloist

Music & Lyrics: Becky Fender

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

**Children's Church Dismissal: During the service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Gray Flora IV

Members of the Week:

Richie & Janet Burnette

Mike Busby

Ministry of the Week:

Kairos Prison Ministry: Parchman, MS

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

4th, 5th & 6th Grade: Whitney & Matt Reese and Sue & Errol Castens

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Glynn & Ginnie Ingram

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^{**}Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!

The Lord's Praver

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:2 Page 1009

Elder: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Grace Centered" Les Newsom

The Kind of Church We Want to Be

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. All who trust in Christ alone as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing with a branch of His church that teaches that He is the only way to God the Father, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully with Jesus are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not yet made a public profession of faith are still welcome to come forward with their families for prayer. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to complete the Communicants Class, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Christ Pres seeks to be a joyful community of God's people who actively participate in worship. As we prepare to come to the Lord's Table, the following responsive elements help orient our hearts to the Lord and proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes again.

Elder: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Elder: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Elder: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Elder: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Elder: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward, and we will be happy to serve you in your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children Who Have Not Yet Professed Faith in Christ

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish

Music: Gregory Wilbur; Lyrics: Thomas Moore & Thomas Hastings, 1816, 1832



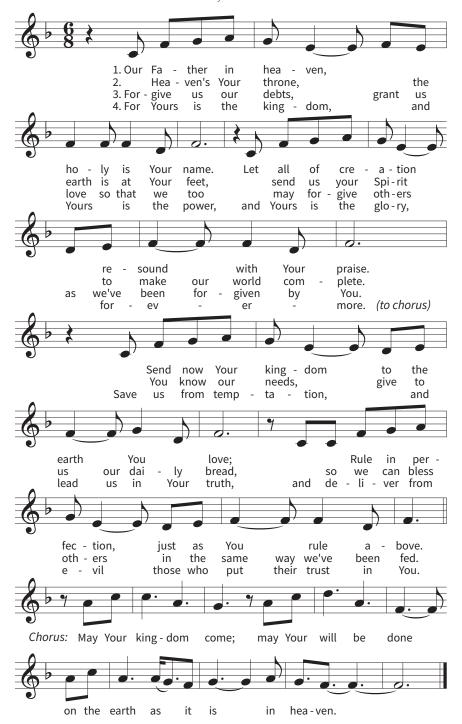
Take My Life, and Let it Be, verses 1, 4-6

Hymn No. 585

Music: HENDON, Henri A. César Malan, arr. Paul Zach; Lyrics: Frances R. Havergal, 1874

May Your Kingdom Come

Music & Lyrics: Eric Priest



*Benediction³

Musicians & AVL Team

Denease Bishop, vocals; Gabbie Bowden, violin; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar & vocals; Chris Floyd, lights & projections; Dylan Gray, bass; Jay Irby, sound engineer; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Nadine Ramsey, piano; Daniel Spears, percussion

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³ Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marvelous Mondays



PILATES IN THE LOFT

Ladies, our next Pilates in the Loft is **July 7th at 6:30pm** with Libbie Patterson. Come care for your body and connect with other women through a gentle Pilates class. These sessions are perfect for all fitness levels. Bring a yoga mat, wear comfy clothes and come ready to move!

SUMMER SERIES

The next Men's Summer Series is on **Wednesday**, **July 9th**, **from 5:30-7pm**. For four more nights this summer we will eat together, have a topic presented and then a time of discussion. This is a great opportunity to build some relationships with other men from all stages of life as we continue to follow Jesus together.

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Women's Ministry is hosting their next Mahjong Monday **July 14th at 6:30pm** in the Christ Pres lobby. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to learn, this is a perfect opportunity to connect with other women and enjoy the timeless game of Mahjong. Bring supplies if you have them, or just bring yourself! Scan the QR code above with your phone's camera to reserve a spot.

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