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# Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather together to learn of love—

**People: a love that speaks of Jesus**

Leader: We remain together for the sake of joy—

**People: a joy that comes through service.**

Leader: We will go forth together to share our hope—

**People: a hope that lives forever.**

**Prelude**

Shepherd of Love

John W. Peterson

## Hymn

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## Opening Prayer

**Jesus, you are our one true refuge, our fortress against the storm. Enable us to fight the good fight when the forces of evil surround us. Strengthen us from the power of our doubts and misgivings. Be our rock and salvation, that we might know your unshakable kingdom. Amen.**



**Doxology** Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on **page 6** of this document.

**Hymn** Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 Who will bear my light to them?  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will speak my word to them.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
 I will give my life to them.



2. *Refrain (Harmony)*

Whom shall I send?  
 Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.  
 Whom shall I send?

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the  
 night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Darwall”

Healy Willan

*We are blessed to have the Rev. Juliann Henry with us in worship this morning! Pastor Juliann is a fully ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and is the Manager of Pastoral Care at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. She also once served as AUMC’s Assistant Pastor.*

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## A Service of Word and Table

### Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Confession and Pardon

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*The people sing their response:*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - - - -  
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
est! 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!

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*The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: 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 people sing their response:*

## Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

**ALL: Amen!**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Cup**