

A SERVICE SONG, WORD, & TABLE
July 5, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Laudamus Te (from *Gloria*) Antonio Vivaldi Amanda
Porter and Karah Ingraham, sopranos

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

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We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

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Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.

We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.

HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH 203

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 72

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Moses Hogan

Brock

Willard, tenor

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE

He is Exalted

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we come before you this day confessing that we don't understand our own actions. The very things we want to do, we don't do. Too often, we find ourselves doing the very things we hate. We need you this day, Lord.

The harmful behaviors we tried to put down, we keep picking back up, and our soul is hurting.

The chance we had to fix that broken relationship came, But anger and rage rose up again, Inflicting harm and abuse upon the very people we said we loved. We need you this day, Lord.

The opportunities we have been praying for came, But fear, lack of confidence, and low self-esteem drove them away.

Lord, the good we want to do, we don't do; and the evil we hate doing, we just keep doing. Lord, what messed-up souls we are. We need you now, Lord, this day. Rescue us from works that lead to death; save us from self-destructive behaviors. We submit our lives into your hands right now.

(Silence)

Thank you, God, for your Son Jesus, who will make it all right. Thank you for your Son Jesus. He will heal our sin-sick souls. Thank you, God, for Jesus Christ, our Lord. When

The Spirit brings new life even to places of death.

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Jesus, knowing the dangers ahead, still did not cave to the threats of power or give in to the temptations of the popular.

There was nothing he would trade for his love of the suffering and betrayed, not even his own life.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table with his companions. His friends. His beloveds in the struggle. Even the one who would turn him over to the cross.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said,

“This is my body which is given for you.

Take, eat, and remember me.”

After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying,

“This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me.”

In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he taught us about ourselves – about the power God has given us. We remember that God enfleshed is Good News that feeds, that protects, that heals, and delivers. We remember the words he spoke: “whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.”

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And so we pray, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, fill our hearts with courage to believe the Kingdom is within us, to live boldly in pursuit of love that liberates, and to follow the Wisdom that leads from the margins.

Blessed be this meal of hope. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

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.

Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Lisa Kerr, piano

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* **SENDING HYMN**

Jesus Shall Reign

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BENEDICTION

May Christ who dwells in you continue to do good work in you, blessing you with grace and perseverance to continue on in the journey of faith as you grow into the image of Christ more and more every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lisa Kerr, piano