



***Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.***

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August 30, 2020  
8:30 am



Preparation for Worship

There are a thousand good reasons for God to choose Moses for this task, and a thousand more reasons for God not to choose him at all. It is the fullness of who Moses is that gives God opportunity to fully reveal and use the divine majesty. --Lance Moore

Announcements

Focus Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Prelude

*Faith Medley*

arr. Rodriguez

\*Call to Worship

Behold, we stand on holy ground.

***O Give Thanks to the Lord. Make known God's deeds among the peoples.***

I AM WHO I AM calls to us to remember the Son sent to redeem us.

***O Give Thanks to the Lord. Make known God's deeds among the peoples.***

Let us enter into worship to rejoice in hope, and take up the cross of Christ in our hearts.  
Amen.

\*Hymn

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

No. 315

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness; loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

4. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal; but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

5. "Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal, who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal; "Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising, "Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.

### Common Prayer

***Holy God, we come this day, into this sacred moment and our sacred spaces, aware that your holiness is always around us. As Moses before us, when we turn aside from our daily tasks, and we listen for your holy voice, speak to us in holy mystery. Surround us with your wondrous love, that we might be wise enough to understand you call and be brave enough to follow your path. Amen.***

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

Kid's Time

Message

\*Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

No. 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Blessing of Bibles - Annie Blacker, Khloe Hendrix, Wyatt Lawhead, Makenna Meece, Abby Pilcher, and Mason Trueblood.

\*Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

No. 577

1 God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

**\*Benediction**

God sends us to serve, to love, to bless the world.

***Here I am, ready to serve, love and bless the world! Amen!***

**\*Postlude**

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

arr. Rodriguez

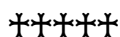
Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown  
Organist: Gloria Cardoni  
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah  
Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet  
Office Manager: Mary Catherine St. John  
Director of Music: Kathy Brown  
Director of Youth Ministries: Natalie McDowell  
Director of Family Ministries: Mary Catherine St. John



**Important information to know..**

You may reach Rev. Kathy at 815-370-3039.

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

**Announcements:**

Have you tried our new APP and website? We are excited for its launch. It is a great way to receive information about what is happening in the church. It is available in the Google Play store and Apple store.

**The Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Don's birthday by Bev Brown!

Prayer Walk in Allerton Park on Sunday, September 13th from 3-4:30p. More information to come!

**Today**

8:30 am      Worship online and radio

10:00 am    Blessing of the Backpacks and Promotion Sunday in Church Parking Lot

10:45 am    Worship in person (reservations needed)

**Tuesday, September 1**

8:15 am      Just Walking via Zoom

7:00 pm      Pray Time with Rev. Kathy via Zoom

**Thursday, September 3**

8:15 am      Just Walking via Zoom

6:30 pm      Hymn Sing on Facebook Live

**Sunday, September 6**

8:30 am      Worship online and radio

10:45 am    Worship in person (reservations needed)