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Come, Let Us Worship the Lord

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Rooftops

Here I am before You,
falling in love and seeking Your truth,
knowing that Your perfect grace
has brought me to this place.
Because of You, I freely live.
My life to You, oh God, I give.
So I stand before You, God.
I lift my voice 'cause You set me free.

So I shout out Your name.
From the rooftops, I proclaim
that I am Yours. I am Yours.

All the good You've done for me,
I lift up my hands for all to see.
You're the only one
who brings me to my knees.
To share this love across the earth,
The beauty of Your holy worth,
so I kneel before You, God.
I lift my hands 'cause You set me free.

So I shout out Your name.
From the rooftops, I proclaim
that I am Yours. I am Yours.

All that I am
I place into Your loving hands,
and I am Yours. I am Yours.

Here I am. I stand with arms wide open
to the One, the Son, the everlasting God,
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Faithful to the End

We're heaven-spun creations,
His pride and adoration,
Treasures woven by His love.
His careful hands they hold us
Safe within His promise
Of calling and of destiny.

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And I will sing of all You've done,
And I'll remember how far You've carried me.
From beginning until the end,
You are faithful, faithful to the end.

A Father's heart that's for me,
A never-ending story
Of love that's always chasing me,
His kindness overwhelming,
And hope for me unending,
He's never given up on me.

And I will sing of all You've done,
And I'll remember how far You've carried me.
From beginning until the end,
You are faithful, faithful to the end.

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And I'll remember how far You've carried me.
From beginning until the end,
You are faithful, faithful to the end.

Until the end,
Until the end,
Oh, You are faithful.
Oh, You are faithful.
Oh

There wasn't a day that You weren't by my side.
There wasn't a day that You let me fall.
And all of my life, Your love has been true.
With all of my life I will worship You.

There wasn't a day that You weren't by my side.
There wasn't a day that You let me fall.
And all of my life Your love has been true.
With all of my life I will worship You.
Yes, I will worship You.

You are faithful.
You are faithful.
We will worship You.
For all You've done,
We will worship You.
Oh, You are faithful.
You are faithful.

Oh, surely Your goodness and mercy
It will follow me. It will follow me.
Yeah, surely Your goodness and mercy
It will follow me.
Yeah, surely Your goodness and mercy

It will follow me.

There won't be a day that You're not by my side.
There won't be a day that You let me fall.
And all of my life Your love will be true.
With all of our lives we will worship You.

There won't be a day that You're not by my side.
There won't be a day that You let me fall.
And all of our lives Your love will be true.
So with all of our lives we will worship You.

We will worship You.
We will worship You.
We will worship You.

How Great Thou Art Praise Team

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

How great, how great, how great Thou art!
How great, how great, how great Thou art!

How great, how great, how great Thou art!
How great, how great, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

How great, how great, how great Thou art!

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How great, how great, how great Thou art!
How great, how great, how great Thou art!

Give Me Joy in My Heart (arr. McChesney) Praise Ringers

Celebrate the Day (Choplin)

Celebrate the Day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.
Celebrate the Day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.

Remember all the blessings, the blessings of the day.
Be thankful for the very gift of breath and life.
Remember all the goodness, and mercies of the Lord
and fill the morning with the sounds of praise and joy!

Celebrate the Day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.
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Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.

We'll bless your name forever, for great are You, Lord.
And ev'ry generation will declare Your mighty works.
We sing of Your great goodness, Your holy righteousness.
Your Glory of Your Kingdom reigns forever, forevermore.

We come to celebrate the day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.
Celebrate the Day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.
Celebrate the joy of our life in Christ.

Majesty (arr. Schrader)

Majesty, worship His majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise;
Majesty, Kingdom authority,
flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

He is Lord, He is Lord; He is risen from the dead
and He is Lord (He is Lord).

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!

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place (arr. Schrader) Chancel Choir

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace, His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me, never to part, never to part.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace, His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence, surely the presence
of the Lord is in this place, is in this place.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP LITANY

Today, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.
We give thanks!
We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played God's praises.
We give thanks!
We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.
We give thanks!
We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.
We give thanks!
We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew in our faith and in our love for God and neighbor.
We give thanks!
We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

For all the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us: Thanks be to God!

†OPENING SONG *For All the Saints* (vv. 1-4) (*UMH* #711)*

1.For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2.Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3.O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4.O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

†SHARING THE PEACE
Please greet your neighbor and pass the Connect pads to register your attendance.

†SONG *Holy Forever* Praise Team

A thousand generations, falling down in worship,
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest.
Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy!"
All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high. Holy,
Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, “Holy!”
All creation cries, “Holy!”
You are lifted high. Holy,
Holy forever.

Hear Your people sing, “Holy!”
To the King of Kings, “Holy!”
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.

Your name is the highest.
Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

(Jesus) Your name is the highest.
Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, “Holy!”
All creation cries, “Holy!”
You are lifted high. Holy,
Holy forever.

Hear Your people sing, “Holy!”
To the King of Kings, “Holy!”
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.

You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.

Proclamation and Response

SHARING FAITH WITH ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN Chris Fulkerson

Childcare is available for children aged 5 and under in Room 121. Red drawstring “Worship Kid Kits” with children’s bulletins are available in the entrance area each week for children to use throughout worship.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Today, we welcome Mike Sondy, Audrey Burke, Brandi Thomas, Ricky Hurtado, and Yazmin Garcia into the FUMC family of faith!

PASTOR: Do you reaffirm your commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
NEW MEMBERS: I do.
PASTOR: As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?
NEW MEMBERS: I will.
PASTOR: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?
NEW MEMBERS: I will.
PASTOR: Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.
CONGREGATION: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice saying:

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb. Let us give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ to whom God has granted rest from their labors:

Helen Grace Cooper	Peggy Elizabeth Wood Edwards
Clarence Robert “Buzz” Hartford	Jeanette Irby Beaudet
Tennessee Hester Shipman	Barbara Moore Lowe
Gene Lester Caudill	Loleta Gay Euliss Foley
Patricia Diane Hayes Walker	Betty Swink May

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *The Lord of Love, Who Shepherds Me* arr. Harris

The Lord of love, who shepherds me,
by rod and staff guides tenderly.
Through ev'ry tempest, storm and gale,

His love for me will never fail.

When I am weak, He strengthens me
and feeds my soul by stream and tree.
When I lose my way and fears prevail,
His love for me will never fail.

O Jesus, I will follow You,
even through the darkest night.
I know You will keep leading me
'til my faith turns into sight.

The Lord of love remembers me.
When I am weak, He strengthens me.
When I lose my way and fears prevail,
His love for me will never fail.

O Jesus, I will follow You,
even through the darkest night.
I know You will keep leading me
'til my faith turns into sight,
'til my faith turns into sight,
my faith turns into sight.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offerings may be placed in the offering box in the narthex or by using the QR code in the bulletin. Your financial support sustains our ministries. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of every generation, open our hearts to hear your Word with faith and gratitude. May the witness of the saints who loved and served you inspire us to do the same. By your Spirit, speak to us of hope beyond the grave, of courage in the present moment, and of your faithfulness that endures forever. Illuminate your truth in us today, that we may walk as your saints in the world. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out with a loud voice:
“Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

11 All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, 12 saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders said to me, “Who are these people wearing white robes, and where
did they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” Then he said to me, “These people
have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the
Lamb’s blood. 15 This is the reason they are before God’s throne. They worship him day and
night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They won’t hunger
or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, 17 because the Lamb
who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-
giving water,[a] and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

†GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

SERMON *“How to Spot a Saint”* Pastor Duane

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we often fall short of the abundant life you have given us in Jesus. Then, we raise our eyes to your saints whose lives show us what a life of love,

peace, faithfulness, goodness, gentleness, patience, self-control, and kindness can look like. Forgive us for not trusting you to remake us in the image of Christ our Lord. We give thanks for the saints we remember today and ask that their lives continue to show us the way to you, Lord Jesus, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Tune: *Here I Am, Lord—UMH* #593)

God be with you in all love…lift your hearts to God above.
It is right and good to give our thanks and praise.
Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power, God of love.
Sing Hosanna, Christ has come in God's own name.

People needing, Spirit leading, Jesus feeding all who come to him. Bread for tending, cup for mending, Spirit sending us to serve the world.

On the night his life was giv'n, Jesus took the bread of heav'n.
Thanking God, he broke it all. Remember me.
Then he took the common cup, new forgiveness lifting up.
Thanking God, he gave to all: Remember me.

People needing, Spirit leading, Jesus feeding all who come to him. Bread for tending, cup for mending, Spirit sending us to serve the world.

We remember God in Christ, holy living sacrifice.
So like him, in thanks and praise, ourselves we give.
We embrace his mystery, how he died and set us free.
As he rose, he'll come again. In Christ we live.

People needing, Spirit leading, Jesus feeding all who come to him. Bread for tending, cup for mending, Spirit sending us to serve the world.

On these gifts of wine and bread, and your people in this place, pour your Spirit, gift divine giving us Christ.
By the Spirit, make us one. One in Christ to serve the world. That on earth your will be done till Christ shall come.

People needing, Spirit leading, Jesus feeding all who come to him. Bread for tending, cup for mending, Spirit sending us to serve the world.

[Breaking of the bread, lifting of the cup.]

Now to you, all-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Be all glory, thanks and praise, forevermore.

People needing, Spirit leading, Jesus feeding all who come to him. Bread for tending, cup for mending, Spirit sending us to serve the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*UMH* #895)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom com,
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.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SONG *We Will Feast in the House of Zion* Praise Team

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long,
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one,
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together. Bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending Forth

†CLOSING SONG *Children of God* Praise Team

Shake off the dust; leave the old ways behind me.
Let go of the burdens, the worry, the striving.
No longer bound by the ways that defined me.
This is our story. Come out of the hiding.

Reclaim your identity.
You belong to a family.

We are the children of God.
We are the children of God.
Through Jesus, our Savior,
we're one with our neighbor.
We are the children of God.

Land of the living, all worship Creator.
There are no strangers. We all share a savior.
All tribes and tongues, lift your voice to your maker.
The kingdom is here. This is what we were made for.

This is your identity.
We are a family.

We are the children of God.
We are the children of God.
Through Jesus, our Savior,
we're one with our neighbor.
We are the children of God.

We are the children of God.
We are the children of God.
Through Jesus, our Savior,
we're one with our neighbor.
We are the children of God.

Welcome to the family. (Welcome to the family.)

We are the children of God.
We are the children of God.
Through Jesus, our Savior,
we're one with our neighbor.
We are the children of God.

We are the children of God.
We are the children of God.
Through Jesus, our Savior,
we're one with our neighbor.
We are the children of God,
the children of God.

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+ Please stand if you are able.
**Songbooks are located in pew racks.*