

Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC
Order of Worship
July 20, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

**How Majestic Is Your Name - No. 30*

*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Forgiveness is found in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Savior and Lord.

Let us magnify God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let us exalt God's name together!

**Prayer of Adoration*

Statement of Faith *Apostles' Creed - No. 716*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and 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, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**There Is a Redeemer - No. 206*

Prayer of Praise, for the People and Confession of Sin

(A moment for reflection and silent prayers of confession)

Special Music The Longer I Serve Him

(Children ages K-3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Sermon)

Scripture: *Matthew 10:16-25 (ESV)*

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Title: “An Unexpected Commission”

Sermon Outline:

- If the Gospel is so "Good" why does it often *FEEL* so bad?
- Unexpected Opposition ...
- ... has Unexpected Consequences ...
- ... arising from Unexpected Designs ...
- ... with Roots in an Unexpected Mission ...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**I Surrender All - No. 366 (Verses 1,2,4)*

**Offering*

**The Closing Prayer Song*

**Benediction*

Postlude

**Please stand as able.*

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