



**July 7, 2024**

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as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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# A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Lord, Be Glorified*

**\*The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, all God's people!

**People: Let Israel be glad in its maker. Let the Children of Zion rejoice in their king.**

Liturgist: Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

**People: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

Liturgist: Let the faithful exult in glory! Let God's people sing for joy! Let us worship God together!

*Adapted from Psalm 149*

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

**\*A Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to 'rent out' space for a brief visit? Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us, and welcome the One who lives with us forever. Please join me as we pray,

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)**

**Why are we always willing to take our fill of the worst that life has to offer, but reluctant to fill ourselves of your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us?**

**Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever. Amen.**

**The Silent Confession** (please be seated)

**The Sung Response to Confession:**    *Spirit of the Living God*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*  
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

### **The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness**

Liturgist: Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

**People: God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever. God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

*(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)*

### **Small Talk**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

*Brother Jesus, you have set us to dwell in your hope. Give us wisdom and grace to live as your saints marked by the seal of your promise and as citizens of your kingdom. Grant us this hour the fullness of understanding of the breadth and length and height and depth of your love for us. Amen.*

### **Scripture Lessons**

**Ephesians 1:3-16**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

### **The Message**

*Sealed by the Spirit, Set in Hope*

*Rev. Jessica McClure-Archer*

### **Celebrating the Lord's Table**

**Invitation**

**Gathering to the Table in Song:**        *One Bread, One Body, verses 1&2*

**Sharing the Feast Together**

**Prayer**

## The Offertory

### Thanksgiving in Song:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One*

*Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*Give thanks.*

### \*The Sending Hymn:

*Blessed Assurance*

### \*The Charge and Benediction

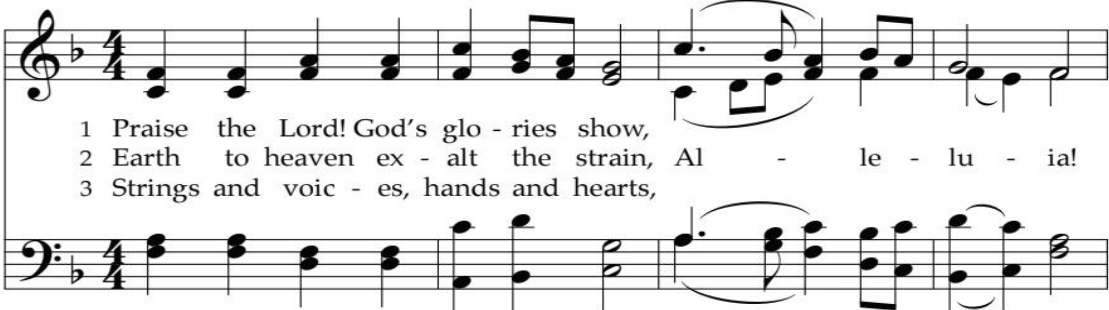
### \*Postlude

*Offerings are received through a variety of ways – in the plate during the offering, online, by mail or via the office. May our offerings be reflection of God's abundance in our lives, for the glory of God and for the work of God's kingdom in the world. Thank you for being so generous and sustaining our ministry. To give online visit - <https://www.sampsonsmills.org/offering>.*


*\*Worship Resources Adapted from Re: Worship*

# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)



1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,



saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,



an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,



all who see and share God's love.  
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

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## One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and



free, wom - an or man, no more.  
 works, one in the Lord of all.  
 grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

## 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.