



**October 26, 2025**

*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ  
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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

## October 26, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

**\*The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Come sing, O church, in joy.**

Liturgist: The Lord is our shepherd who leads us to green pastures and still waters.

**People: Come sing, O church, in joy.**

Liturgist: While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died that we might be forgiven.

**People: Come sing, O church, in joy.**

Liturgist: As God sent Jesus into the world, so the Lord sends us as ambassadors of reconciliation.

**People: We raise our voices in praise to our wise and loving God.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

*Please be seated.*

**A Call to Confession (Liturgist)**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Offer your humble prayer in confidence and trust in God's mercy.

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

Mighty yet merciful God, we confess that we can be a stubborn people. Too often we are determined to go our own way without asking for your wisdom. As a result, we have missed opportunities to connect with others, we have been blind to pathways of peace, and we have not known the contentment of following your will.

**Silent Confession** *Please take a moment for silent confession*

**Asking for God's Forgiveness**

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

**People: Forgive us, O God, and teach us that we do not have to live life all on our own. Help us to remember that you are with us always and you are ready to share your wisdom when our hearts are open and our minds are receptive to it. With the gift of your wisdom, guide us in your ways of faith, hope and love. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: God has claimed you in Jesus Christ. You are loved and forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sung Response to Confession:**    *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love*

*The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

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

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

**Anthem:** *Canticle of Praise*

## Children's Moment

## Prayer for Illumination

*God, source of all light, by your Word give light to our lives. Amen.*

**Scripture Lessons:** James 1:1-8

**The Message:** *Wisdom to Know the Difference*

**Hymn of Affirmation:** *Blessed Assurance*

## Sharing Our Life Together

## Offertory

## Thanksgiving in Song:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

**\*Sending Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision*

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Postlude

## 452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

D A/C#

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 2  
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

# 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

This system of a hymn is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my".

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

This system continues the hymn. It also consists of two staves in D major, 4/4 time. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long." The system concludes with a double bar line.

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.