

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 24, 2021, 9:00 West and 11:00 a.m. Downtown

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME 9:00 Rev. Jordan Czichos
11:00 Dr. Brant Wallace

*HYMN OF WELCOME *Heralds of Christ* #567

**Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
Immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
Pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
Make straight, make straight the highway of the King.**

**Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
Through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
Build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;
Prepare across the earth the King's highway.**

**Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
To see the promise of the day fulfilled,
When war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
Upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Jude Gardner Davis with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in his trust of God and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

SUNG RESPONSE *Baptized in Water*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of one Father, we are His children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH 9:00 Rev. Jordan Czichos
11:00 Dr. Brant Wallace

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir; Scott Clark and Marcie Baker, Soloists

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop

The light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root,

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is. Worthy is the Lamb.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Eternal God, mother and father of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship: Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness, that we may grow and serve in ways of trust, compassion, and purposeful living through transformative relationships. Amen. (adapted from Ruth Duck)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Courtney Hutchins

*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

John 17:20-23

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Rev. Andy Nixon

We Are Family: Walking in Intimacy with God and One Another

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF BLESSING

Go, Make of All Disciples

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"Go make of all disciples:" We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from Thee, our Father, in Thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal Thee everywhere.

"Go make of all disciples." Baptizing in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow Thee, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

"Go make of all disciples." We at Thy feet would stay
Until each life's vocation accents Thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in ev'ry heart,
Revealing in our witness the Master Teacher's art.

"Go make of all disciples." We welcome Thy command;
"Lo, I am with you always." We take Thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us we follow without fear.
In heaven and earth Thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.

BENEDICTION

9:00 Rev. Jordan Czichos

11:00 Dr. Brant Wallace

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

* *Please stand, as you are able.*

DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Dr. Terry Morris

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Cynthia Douglas

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PIANO

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STRING QUARTET

1st Violin

Viola

Rodica Gonzalez

Wei Jiang

2nd Violin

Cello

Mihaela Frusina

Wendy Smith Butler