

WORSHIP SERVICE PLAN**(Traditional & Online Service) (White/Gold)**

June 7, 2026 • Choir Celebration • Faith@Night Best of 90's Festival • Communion • 10th Weekend in Ordinary Time

Psalm 150*"Let Us Sing!"*

Everything we have, everything we are, everything we hope should be employed to bring praise to God.

(online only) Preparation for Worship

Gather these items for worship. If an items unavailable, fret not:

- a piece of **white (or gold)** cloth
- an end table or stand
- a plate with bread/crackers
- a cup with juice or water
- a glass or bowl with water
- a lighter/match
- a musical instrument or record, CD or cassette tape
- a computer or internet-accessible device
- a thank you card to God for something this week

For each item you have, thank God for the provision. For each piece you do not have, thank God you don't need it. Place the table/stand in the area you plan to worship. If more than one person will be present, place the table in the middle of where you will be seated. Drape the cloth over it. Arrange the cup, plate, glass of water, and other items on the table. Keep the Bible in front of you. Have enough Communion elements for each person in your household.

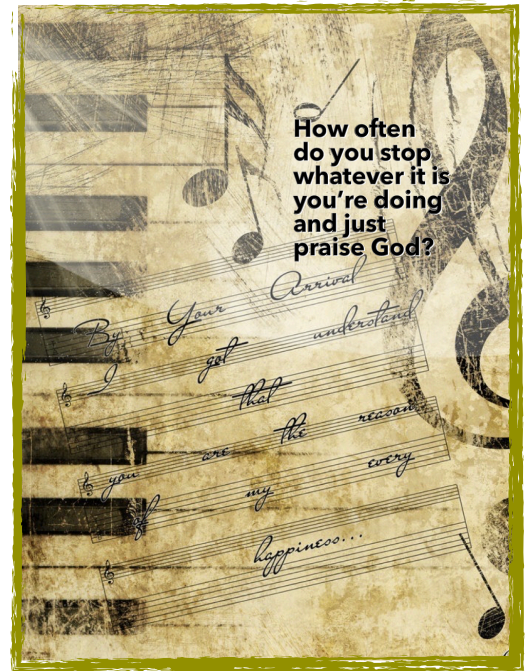
Questions for the announcement loop*In preparing for Worship, consider the following:*

- How often do you stop whatever it is you're doing and just praise God?
- What hymn or song holds the most meaning for you?
- How often do you turn to, quote or otherwise read any of the Psalms?
- Why do you think God invented music (and our ability to connect with it)?

Choral Introit:*"A Joyful, Jubilant Song"* by Michael Barrett and David Angerman**Opening Sentence****Psalm 150:6 (CEB)**

Let every living thing praise the LORD!

Welcome to this service of worship: We are glad you are with us! We have a few Community Notes for you to consider as we worship throughout the week, living that Christian life...

**Welcome Visitors!**

We are glad you are here! Our nursery is in the Education Building and our restrooms are in the buildings other than this Sanctuary.

Respond to God's Goodness!

Everything God has made doesn't just have the imprint of the divine. We are meant to be an interactive festival of gratitude to the God who gave us life. Thus flowers bloom. Birds sing. Frogs and whales call to one another. Grass grows no matter what. The sun shines. Rains fall. Time moves. What God has set in motion in us should be moving, growing, expressing also. As you move through the week, consider what God has created you to do and be. Are you fulfilling what you believe God intended for you? If so, what are you doing about it? If not, what are you doing about it?

Congregational Meeting Notice

The Session is calling for a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2029. The Session has elected Elder James Johnson to serve so the congregation will elect two others to serve with

him. Nominees must be members of the church. They should also be prayerfully considered. The meeting will take place immediately following the morning worship service on June 14 at 11:05am in the Sanctuary.

Estate Planning Workshop

Attorney Charlie Brown was the leader of the workshop held at Hawfields Sunday, May 31st at 2PM to talk about estates: exploring wills, trusts, legal planning, and care choices. The event was open to the public and a video of the event is available on our YouTube channel, our website or for download from our Dropbox account: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/pt9gr0xodk03zu80dy5zm/wills-and-estate-title.mov?rlkey=03xqyb7pypor2dxq6xuictcri&dl=0>

Thank You for Investing in Youth Stock!

The effort was great and raised \$3260! That will go a long way toward connecting our youth not only with their faith but with other churches and youth from around the state and beyond.

Choir Appreciation Sunday

On **June 7th**, the worship service will feature the sanctuary choir providing more music than on a typical Sunday. In addition to routine hymns and responses, the choir will present six anthems, a collection of some of their favorites. Communion is also scheduled that day so prepare for a slightly longer service, but not too lengthy. Similar to Homecoming, we invite everyone to bring a covered dish to share for a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the worship service. June 7th will be the last day the choir is in session before they enjoy several weeks "off" during the summer. We look forward to a glorious day of music making and celebrating the many contributions of the choir the past year.

Best of the 90's!

The Faith@Night Service is having a "Best of the 90's" music festival on June 7th at 6pm. come dressed in your favorite 90's outfit and, if you share your choice(s) ahead of time, we'll sing along to some favorite worship songs that shaped so many.

We celebrate our June babies!

(10am only) Greet one another in Christ!

(10am only) Gathering Song

"What a Mighty God We Serve" CEL#672 (chorus)

What a mighty God we serve.

What a mighty God we serve.

Angels bow before Him,

heaven and earth adore Him.

What a mighty God we serve (2X)

(10am only) Prelude:

"Love Lifted Me" by Greg Gilpin; Soloist: Morgan Layfield

**Everything we have, everything we are,
everything we hope should be employed to
bring praise to God.**

In this moment, let us stand, take a deep breath, silence our devices, and continue in worship together. Let us make use of the *Call to Worship* that is before you...

(10am only) Call to Worship

Whatever the state of our voice

We should praise

Whatever the circumstances we find ourselves

Our songs should rise

Whatever conflicts we engage

God's grace must prevail

Whatever hopes we might bear

Must rest on the God who is able and willing

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord

Sing:

""Come, Christians Join to Sing" GTG #267

Prayer of Confession/Preparation

Our praise and prayer habits are often not commensurate with God's goodness and grace.

That's not great. It's important to talk about our shortcomings so that we're ready to hear what God has to say. Let us begin with silent prayer...

(Please pray silently...)

Pray: Almighty God, when no one else listens to us, you hear us. When no one else will help us, you give aid. When no one else cares about us,

you show love for us. When no one else will tell us the truth, you respect us enough to always do so. When no one else will forgive us, you give mercy and grace. And will people will do all of those things, you are also determined to be good us then. Forgive us when we take your goodness for granted. Forgive when we forget to say 'thank you.' Forgive us when we allow the good times to mask your hand in all of it. Forgive us when we allow the bad times to make us forget your presence. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.

(10am only) Assurance of Pardon

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. God's will that we have this power:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

(10am only) Gloria Patri (Glory to God)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning

It is now and ever shall be

World without end: Amen, amen.

Reading of Scripture

Say: God's Word is confirmation of what God has promised all along: to be with us. Taking in God's Word is a chance for us to be with God. God offers to make that happen through the power of God's Spirit. Let us take God up on that offer and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...(everyone sings)

Pray/Sing: "Break, Thou, the Bread of Life" GTG #460 v.2

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me.
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

The Psalms are some of the most unfiltered and intimate examples of faith put to words. Because of the way we tend to see them, it may be easy to forget that they are, in fact, song lyrics. They are meant to be sung. Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and for our place in God's grace...

Read: Psalm 150 (CEB)

Praise the Lord.

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary!

Praise God in his fortress, the sky!

² Praise God in his mighty acts!

Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!

³ Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn!

Praise God with lute and lyre!

⁴ Praise God with drum and dance!

Praise God with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise God with loud cymbals!

Praise God with clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let every living thing praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Adults, you'll need:

- a children's song you're prepared to teach
- be ready to answer questions

"Sing and Know"

- So I want to teach you a song. Before we do that, I will tell you that songs can help us to remember, to say what we feel and to know who God is.
- So the song I want to teach is...(teach it)
- One of the good things about a song is that once it's been given, no one can take it away from you: not even being sick. It can always help you remember and feel and know.
- So when you're around the people who care about you, ask them what songs they learned about God.
- Don't forget to pray!

(10am only) Anthem:

"Mercy Tree" by Michael William Neale and Krissy Nordhoff; Soloist: Sandy Muller

"Let Us Sing!"

**Everything we have, everything we are,
everything we hope should be employed to
bring praise to God.**

It's about as comprehensive a command there is. It's not just directed at followers or a particular class of believers. It's not just for some

demographic slice of the community or only the talented. It's not even just for people into music (though, admittedly, it is a *song*). The command is directed to everything that breathes using everything they have, all to do one thing.

"Praise the Lord."

And it may be easy to think: "Sheesh, is God *that* insecure that God has to be reassured that the Lord's doing a good job?" Hardly.

We have to be careful to **make a distinction** between, say, praising someone for work they did versus raising OUR awareness of what God has been up to. You see, when people do stuff, we should acknowledge it and show gratitude, of course. I'm one of the worst at doing that well.

But **when it comes to God's praise, it isn't to meet GOD'S needs. It's to meet our own.** Our need to know God is near, closer than breath. Our need to know God is at work, even before we ask. Our need to know God is God, no matter what box of the day in which we try to dress the divine. Our need to remember who, what, when, where, and how God is because of our habit (historically and in the moment) to forget.

Y'all we praise people to help them know they're appreciated. It is irony that **praising God is a gift FROM GOD to us.**

So when the Psalm says to praise with everything AND the kitchen sink, we should pay attention and obey. Everything we have, everything we are, everything we hope should be employed to bring praise to God. Because the goodness of God is not just the gift that keeps on giving. **The goodness of God makes us all gifts.** Presents that gives the world access to all God wants us to know, feel and have.

So if carrying a tune might endanger people around you, get singing. If playing an instrument would cause laughter, get playing. If putting together lyrics would cause the world's linguists to question their life choices, get writing. **If God has been good to you in your life**, you of all people should be praising. With everything. Your voice.

Your charity. Your strengths. Your hopes. Your homes. Your relationships. Your wealth. Your dreams. And, of course, your songs.

Praise the Lord!

Song of Reflection

"Rock of Ages" GTG #438

Offering

God chooses to love us, abundantly. We should respond by choosing to be loving, abundantly. This is why we should give and share what we have and who we are. Let us reflect together on what has been given...

(10am only) Offertory

"Risen Savior (Sing My Soul)" arr. Phil Nitz; Soloist: Lora Melton

(10am only) Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Blessing

(text is for the ONLINE service)

Let there be no doubt, Great God: you love us. And we are grateful. Let there be no doubt, Great God: we should be loving in turn. As we receive the gifts you provide, may the gifts we are meant to be emerge. In the great name of Jesus Christ, we pray this together. Amen.

Service of Communion

- Say: Let us first show we belong to a faith larger than ourselves. Let us say what we believe:

I believe in God—

That God created us for a reason,

That God chose people for a reason

That God fought for us for a reason

That God fought against us for a reason

That God called us out on our sins for a reason

That God made us partners with God for the building of the kingdom

That God created us for a purpose.

That God's already called us to be prophets, priests, teachers, students, companions, travelers, historians, parents,

grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and most importantly children

All on a journey

that God designed

and for which God equips

because God's love really does

change everything

and makes us people of God

thanks to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Who was, who is, and is to come.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

- Say: The Lord be with you...and also with you. God invites us to the Table as we are, given who we are! God invites us to the Table even though we may think we don't belong. Yet God invites us, does NOT force us, because God still loves us. So let us answer together as one Church across time, across our homes, across our various situations, and eat and drink of what the Lord offers. Let us pray...
- "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" GTG #469
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.
- **(10AM only) Prayer of Thanksgiving: "Written in Red"**
- (Online) Holy God, Thank you for the gift of music! Thank you for making it possible to sing your praises and for the many, many reasons to do so. Thank you for making us, like all of creation, creatures meant to lift up your goodness, your mercies, your very heart. With this privilege, Great God, help us embrace our responsibility. Help us take every opportunity to praise you and raise our awareness of where you at work, not the least, when you are at work in us. Help us acknowledge your redeeming power before you and each other and to not shy away from our sins. Help us instead run headlong into your grace which is seeking to transform us.
- And so let us set aside our excuses. Help us set aside fears. Help us set aside pride and become songs ourselves. May our lives become what you have always hoped. May our lives become the lyrics to the song you have been writing for ages.
- Thus, let us be Godly people. Let us make a harvest of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control. Teach us to live lives weeding out apathy, selfishness, cravenness, callousness, and evil. We pray this not only for ourselves, but for so many that we can name... (take time to name your own prayers)

- Thank you for believing in us, Thank you for transforming us. Thank you for teaching us, even how to pray when words fail us, saying,
- **Pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**
- (take the bread in your hands) On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and having blessed it he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This is my Body given for you. As often as you eat of it, do this in remembrance of me." (break and eat some of the bread)
- (take the cup with juice in your hands) In the same manner he took the cup, and, having blessed it, he gave it to his disciples and said, "This cup represents the new covenant sealed by my blood for the forgiveness of many. All of you drink of it." (drink some of the juice)
- Say: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's saving death until He comes. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.
- The only proper response to the grace of God is gratitude. Let us pray together with the whole Church:
- **Pray: Thank you, God, for making us your kingdom. Help us live out that thanks by being a refuge to all you call us to. Thank you for including us at your Table. Help us do the same with ours. In the great name of Jesus Christ we pray this together. Amen.**

Hymn of Sending

(10am) "Blessed Assurance" GTG #839

Sending & Benediction

Let us say together our benediction...

**Everything we have, everything we are,
everything we hope should be employed to
bring praise to God.**

(raise your hands and say) "Get up, take heart,
Jesus is still calling you..."; Go, and the peace of
God which surpasses all understanding guide your
hearts and minds this day and forever more. Amen!

Song of Benediction: "Glory Bound" by Sally
Albrecht and Jay Althouse; Soloist: Cate Hill

Reservations

(rap/spoken word Communion invitation)
David Ealy

We have reservations
We are so sure of our place
and yet refuse to make space
for all you would welcome
without reservation.

We have reservations,
due not to our merit or muster
but due to your mercy
and yet we show hesitation
and bear out reservations for others
precisely because
of merit or muster
out of our *lack* of mercy

We have reservations,
We believe we have seats
rooted deeply in our belief
that you, in your compassion,
no longer have reservations
about us and our sins
yet we believe so little about each other.
We can't seem to get further
than what we *think* we know
what we *think* we see
what we *choose* to believe
without reservation
Even though you showed no hesitation
to see yourself on a cross
than see us be lost
to choices we tried to blame you for anyway

We *have* reservations
But perhaps we *should* have reservations:
just because you chose,
the deal's not closed
on the necessity to show mercy
We must show mercy
compassion, kindness, openness
to your Spirit, by your Spirit
that we come to understand
that the Table you prepare
has an open invitation
we should take up
without hesitation
because your grace is determined
to offer us *all*
reservations

You must wonder, O God,
why we...don't agree.