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Sunday, August 2, 2026
Community Worship at 9:30 AM

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Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Please join as you're able in reading parts in bold and rise in heart and/or body where you see an *

*Call to Worship:

Based on 1 John 1:5

God is light, and there is no darkness in him.

This is the message we have received, and this is the message that we share!

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, bless our time together as a time of gratitude. We have come from many different places with many different stories.

Some of our stories are full of joy, others are sodden with tears, and most have a little bit of both. We gather as imperfect people in an imperfect world with grateful hearts.

Help us to worship You with hearts that remain open to gratitude and joy. Let us lift our hearts in joy as the wounded and the sick give thanks to the Resurrected One who never leaves any of us on our own. Amen!

*Opening Hymn: "In the Garden"

1. I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing. And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

Refrain

Gratitude Scripture: 1 John 1:5, CEB

"This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: 'God is light and there is no darkness in him at all.'"

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer formed by "Three Simple Rules"

- Prayers about harm, including confession.
- Prayers about doing good.
- Prayers about staying in love with God

Invitation to Confession:

James 5:16-17

"For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve."

Prayer of Confession:

Upper Room Worshipbook, 37

Singing Triune God, we confess thick tongues and awkward lives; we are slow to sing your praise. Give us a longing for the gospel song: the rhythm of hope, the harmony of love, and the passionate joy of our Savior, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Luke 6:37-38

Jesus said: "Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return."

May grace and forgiveness flow out from us. May grace and forgiveness find a home among us. Yes, may grace and forgiveness be our way. **Amen**

*Passing of the Peace

*Communion: Upper Room Worshipbook, pg. 46.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation, Source of all mercies, Fount of love beyond all measure, It is fitting and right to give you thanks and praise and to adore you with grateful hearts and voices. For wondrously you have created heaven and earth, hovering in gracious care over all that you have made. You formed us as your image of love in the world.

Yet even more wondrously, when we distorted your image, you called us back again and again, forgiving us, delivering us from captivity to sin and death, feeding, healing, reconciling, making covenant, and setting before us the way which leads to life.

Therefore, with your people in all ages, in communion with the saints, and with the whole company of heaven, we join the glad song of unceasing praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed be your name, gracious God, for you gave us Jesus, who emptied himself that we might be filled, who suffered and died that we might live.

He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, and ate with the scorned and forgotten of this world. He washed his disciples' feet and gave a holy meal as a feast of his ever-present love.

On the night he gave himself up for us and for the world, at table with those who would desert and deny him, he took bread, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When supper had ended, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, remembering Christ's life of ministry and service, his suffering, death and resurrection, his ascending to glory and his abiding presence through the power of your Holy Spirit, we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here in Christ's name, and upon these gifts, that they may be for us his body and blood; and so feed us with his grace that, in union with Christ, we may become a living offering to you.

Remember, God of all mercy, those who suffer this day from injustice or poverty, with no place to call home. Remember those who are sick, imprisoned, or troubled, and those who face death with no one to comfort them.

Transform us into the image and likeness of Christ, that we may faithfully serve others in his name, and look forward to the final feast in which all shall be gathered as one at your table, and all manner of things shall be well.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory and blessing is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

*Hymn: "Let us Offer to the Father"

Refrain: Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine, all our joys and all our sorrows; all our care, Lord, all are thine.

1. As the growing wheat will ripen, let us show to all the world we can grow and ripen also in the living of the word.

Refrain

5. All your people here together bring you offerings of love, joining with your whole creation, seeking liberty and peace.

Refrain

6. Glory be to God, the Father and to Christ, the living Son, who together with the Spirit make the holy Three-in-One.

Refrain

Scriptures:

2 Timothy 2:8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. 9 This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. 10 This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 This saying is reliable:

"If we have died together, we will also live together. 12 If we endure, we will also rule together. If we deny him, he will also deny us. 13 If we are disloyal, he stays faithful" because he can't be anything else than what he is.

14 Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them.

15 Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

Luke 17:16-19

16 He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" 19 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Sermon: "Remember Jesus, Raised from the Dead"

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn: "Spirit Song"

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him
have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Refrain

Offertory: To Be Announced

*Doxology:

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.

*Offertory Prayer:

- References 1 John 1:5 & Psalm 119:105

God of Light, the Word shines, and we have light for the path of life. Shine down on our lives and upon these offerings. Help us to see the best ways we can offer our lives to build community, grow in faith, and respond to a world in need. Shine forth and help us to shed the shadows so that we can be more and more like You as we live lives full of gratitude. Amen.

*Fellowship Blessing and Benediction

Postlude