

4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our blossoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
**MARK 12:41-44**

**SERMON**  
**“A WIDOW’S MIGHTY GIFT”**

**ANTHEM**  
***IN THE ROOM***  
JOHN REDDICK

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
***MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE***

#452, v. 1 & 2  
WORDS FROM RAY PALMER  
MUSIC FROM LOWELL MASON  
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1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
***JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE***

#89, v. 3 & 4  
WORDS BY HENRY VAN DYKE  
MUSIC ARR. BY EDWARD HODGES  
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3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**POSTLUDE**  
***I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD***  
J.H. FILLMORE



**“A Widow’s Mighty Gift”**  
**Mark 12:41-44**

**August 28, 2022**  
**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday Worship Service**  
**Sanctuary & Online**  
**10:00 AM**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**  
*VARIATIONS ON FAITH*  
HORACIO SPAFFORD & THOMAS CHISHOLM

**WELCOME HOME!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*HE HAS MADE ME GLAD*  
LEONA VON BRETHORST

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Congregation: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*  
#89, v. 1 & 2

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

# SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**BLESSING OF THE BEARS**

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
*JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA*  
#357, v. 1 & 5

WORDS BY CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT  
MUSIC BY WILLIAM B. BRADBURY  
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1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee,

Refrain: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, [Refrain]

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*  
#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**HYMN OF FAITH**  
*SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US*  
#381

WORDS ATTR. TO DOROTHY A. THRUPP  
MUSIC BY WILLIAM B. BRADBURY  
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1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.