

# OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

August 3, 2025

Did Jesus Really Say That?

God wants you to be wealthy, healthy and happy  
(and if you have enough faith, it will happen)

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CELEBRATING AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### †CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

As we begin our time of worship,

We speak out loud our desire to face the brokenness in our lives.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Merciful God . . .

**C: . . . as we prepare ourselves to be open to you, we honestly admit to shortcomings in our living.**

**We live selfishly and miss the need of gratitude. We live fearfully and miss the need of grace.**

**We live self-righteously and miss the possibility of learning how to be forgiven.**

**God, forgive us, and free us to be right with you again, so that we can live more as the people You have called us to be.**

P: God offers us daily the gift of forgiveness and a new beginning. Nothing, NOTHING, can separate us from the love of God. By Grace we have been saved! Hear God's declaration that we are forgiven for our sins. Be reconciled to God, know Christ's Peace and rejoice in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Spirit of God's love.

**C: Amen.**

### 🎵 GATHERING HYMN ~ Dance with Me

PSB #95

Verse:

This is holy time. We're gathered together to worship you  
to love one another.

And as we pray, And as we sing,

And as we dance, and as we dream,

Oh Lord, I beg of You Just this one thing...

Chorus:

Won't you dance with me. Throughout the heavens  
and below the sea

and upon the mountain tops. Flow with the breeze,

Come carry me,

Lord, won't you dance with me.

*Repeat verse & repeat chorus twice.*

### †GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### †PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Please join me in prayer . . . Lord God,

**C: . . . we know that you love us deeply and want only the best for us. But we also know that you are God and we are not. Help us to want what you want, and to put service and love of others ahead of material gains for ourselves. Work in our lives to make us more of the people you have called us to be. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

†**LESSONS:** Proverbs 3:9-10 and Proverbs 30:7-9  
1 Timothy 6:11-12, 17-19

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ~ *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

PSB #10

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

*Repeat*

†**GOSPEL:** Luke 9:18-25

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

†**SERMON**

Pastor Dana O'brien

♪**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *Let It Be Said of Us*

PSB #80

*Verse 1*

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;  
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course  
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

*Chorus*

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.  
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.  
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

†**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;

*Verse 2*

Let it be said of us; We were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love, and delighted in meekness.  
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call;  
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

*Chorus*

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

†**PRAYERS**

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

†**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share that peace with one another.

### †OFFERING

*Please pass the offering plates as directed by the ushers.*

### ♪OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC ~ At the River

Mark Biesterfeld

### †OFFERING PRAYER

P: Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:

**C: Let us give with joy because we have received freely. Let us give generously because so many are in need. Let us give with love so that our wallets do not feel empty, but instead less burdensome. Amen.**

### MEAL

### †GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### ♪HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

PSB #19

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

*Echo: Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

*Echo: Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.*

And He shall lift you up,

higher and higher,

and He shall lift you up.

### †WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### †LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us, not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For THINE is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### †THE MEAL IS SHARED

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion. Those at home will be communed first.*

*You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor. Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).*

### ♪COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC ~ There is a Balm in Gilead **Give Me Jesus**

Mark Biesterfeld

### †COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Emmanuel God with us, be  
with you today and always.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **†BENEDICTION**

P: Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **♪SENDING SONG ~ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

ELW #836

*Verse 1:*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

*Verse 2:*

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

*Verse 3:*

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring 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!

### **†DISMISSAL**

P: Go with love. Share God's peace with one another, and take it into the world as you go to love and serve the Lord!

**C: Amen!**

### **♪POSTLUDE**

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**“DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE”**

1 corinthians 16:14

