

Outdoor Contemporary Worship

August 3, 2025 – 9:30am

GATHERING

Greetings and Welcome

Sharing of Christ's Peace

Call to Worship – “Father, Let Your Kingdom Come” (Lord’s Prayer), by Matt Maher

Father, let Your Kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done.

On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart. *(repeat)*

Give us this day our daily bread - Forgive us, forgive us

As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Let Your kingdom come

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Give us this day our daily bread... forgive us, forgive us

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Let Your kingdom come

It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours

The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours

It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours

Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours *(repeat)*

Father, let Your Kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done.

On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart. *(repeat)*

On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise – “That’s Who I Praise,” by Brandon Lake

I wanna dance like David, I want a faith like Paul
I wanna sing like Silas tearing down the prison walls
I wanna face that fire, it won't burn me though
God's got my back Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

I wanna walk like Moses, right through the waves
One day I'll see that promised land, no longer slaves
Though the fear is talkin', no it can't take out my faith

(Refrain) **I'm gonna praise! I'm gonna praise!**
I praise the mountain movin', body raising, breaker of chains
Gonna praise! I'm gonna praise!
I praise the heaven seated, undefeated, highest of names
That's who I praise! That's who I praise! That's who I praise!

I wanna gift like Mary, I wanna break my vase
I wanna sleep like Daniel even in a lion's cave
I'm gonna get that promise, just like Jericho
Yeah, I know what'll make it fall

I'm gonna praise! I'm gonna praise!
I praise the mountain movin', body raising, breaker of chains
Gonna praise! I'm gonna praise!
I praise the heaven seated undefeated highest of names
That's who I praise!
I praise the God who's proven He can do impossible things
That's who I praise! That's who I praise! That's who I praise!

He is the lion of Judah, He is the lamb that was slain
The only One who's worthy, worthy, worthy of all of His names, that's who I praise
He is the risen Messiah, He is the ancient of days
The only One who's worthy, worthy, worthy of all of His names, that's who I praise
So I'm gonna praise

I praise the mountain movin', body raising, breaker of chains
Gonna praise! I'm gonna praise!
I praise the heaven seated undefeated highest of names
That's who I praise!

**I praise the God who's proven He can do impossible things
That's who I praise! That's who I praise! That's who I praise!**

I wanna love like Jesus, that kind of grace
I wanna live like I've got no more precious time to waste
I'm going to give Him glory, with all my thanks
'Cause there's no greater, stronger higher name and
That's who I praise.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: Revelation 1:1-18

Reader: Liddy Stark

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

⁹I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man,

clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. ¹⁴His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire; ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last ¹⁸and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 8:13-19

¹³Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” ¹⁴Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” ¹⁹Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: “A Vision of Hope”

Song of the Day – “The Battle Belongs,” by Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

(Refrain) **So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high,
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You**

And if You are for me, who can be against me?
For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

(Refrain) **So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You**

Almighty fortress, You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadow, You win every battle
Nothing can stand against the power of our God (repeat 3x)

(Refrain) **So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: By water and the Word, God frees us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. In the waters of baptism, God proclaims to us who we are. We are beloved children of God.

Presentation

Parents: We bring Henry James Freeman to this Christian community and to the waters of Holy Baptism.

P: Henry, you are a beloved child of God, and today you are given the name Christian. To help you grow into your name, your parents are called to make promises.

Nathan and Sarah, as you bring Henry to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Matthew and Katie, as godparents, you have a responsibility to pray for Henry and help him always remember that he is a beloved child of God. Do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Godparents: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: People of God, you have a responsibility to support and surround Henry with Christian love, praying for him, discipling him, and serving with him. Do you promise to support Henry and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Profession of Faith

P: There is evil in this world that we name devil and brokenness we call sin. We are powerless to overcome them, but the grace of God gives us strength to stand against them and forgiveness when we fall. Together, we profess our desire to live in this grace and in opposition to this brokenness.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: As we live together in Christ, we are made one in baptism and profess one faith. It is this faith that centers us on the grace of our Triune God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son?

**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; 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

P: We give you thanks, O God. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. In the waters of the flood you called Noah and brought forth new life. By Moses, you called the people of Israel to follow you through the waters and led them from slavery into freedom. You nourished them with water from the rock and brought them to the promised land. At the river your Son was baptized by John and you proclaimed to all that he is your “beloved child.” In the waters of baptism, you create, you bring forth new life in us, you set us free from the power of sin, and you proclaim that we too are your beloved Children.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Henry, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Laying on of Hands

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Henry with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen

Anointing with Oil

P: In the Old Testament, oil is used to anoint and set people apart. In baptism, we are set apart as God's beloved children to live lives of love, justice, and mercy. Henry, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Giving of a Candle

In John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In Matthew 5:14, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven." Nathan and Sarah, we give you this candle to light again and again as Henry grows up. Remember this day and always know that he is and will always be a beloved child of God.

Welcome

P: Together we join in welcome:

C: Henry James Freeman, you are beloved and blessed. By the grace of God that flows in the waters of baptism, we are drenched in our love for you, washed in our delight for you, and born anew by the grace that flows from the heart of our God who bore you to us. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in bearing God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**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.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Communion Songs

“He Will Give the Weary Strength,” by Ellie Holcomb

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength
They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint
And like a flight upon, an eagle's wings, He will give the weary strength

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength
They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint
And like a flight upon an eagle's wings, He will give the weary strength**

So, lift your eyes up to the sky
To the one who hears you when you cry

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength
They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint
Like a flight upon an eagle's wings, He will give, He will give
He will give the weary strength**

“Honest Offering/I Surrender All,” by CAIN

Tried to clean it up nice, tried to hold it all together
I'm living rich in the world, but a spiritual beggar
And I been waitin' to give, till I can give You something better
But You just wanted my heart, so here it is, all of it
Will You take it in this condition?
Here I am, fully surrender

(Refrain) **Jesus, You can have it all. Jesus, You can have it all**
You love every broken piece, of an honest offering
Jesus, You, can have it all

You turned pennies in my hands into a heavenly treasure
'Cause Your kingdom rules by a different measure
And so I'm pouring out until I'm an empty vessel
Lord, here's my heart, the joy and, the sorrow, yesterday and tomorrow
I let go, fully surrender

(Refrain) **Jesus, You can have it all. Jesus, You can have it all**
You love every broken piece, of an honest offering
Jesus, You can have it all
Jesus, You can have it all

All to Jesus, I surrender, all to You, I freely give
I will ever love and trust You, in Your presence, I daily live
All to Jesus, I surrender, all to You, I freely give
I will ever love and trust You, in Your presence, I daily live,

(Refrain) **Jesus, You can have it all. Jesus, You can have it all**
You love every broken piece, of an honest offering
Jesus, You can have it all
Jesus, You can have it all

I surrender all, oh, I surrender all
All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

SENDING

Prayer and Benediction

**Sending Song – “And He Shall Reign”*

*Refrain: And he shall reign forever, his throne and crown shall ever endure.
And he shall reign forever, and we shall reign with him.*

1. What a vision filled my eyes, one like a Son of man.
Coming with the clouds of heav’n he approached an awesome throne. *Refrain*

2. He was given sov’reign power, glory and authority.
Every nation, tribe and tongue worshipped him on bended knee. *Refrain*

3. On the throne forever, see the Lamb who once was slain;
wounds of sacrificial love for ever shall remain. *Refrain*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert

Greeter: Liddy Stark

Reader: Liddy Stark

Usher: Barb Davenport

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Karen Dichsen

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Kay Schnitker

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: Karen Sibert

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson

Marilyn Dichsen

Greg Kimler

Monica Proefrock

Ken Devlin

Kelly Hartz

Patty Nelson

Kay Schnitker

Kelly Street



What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 3, 9:30am: Outdoor Contemporary Worship

11:00am: Indoor Traditional Worship

Monday, August 4, 6:00pm: Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 4:00pm: Appeal Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 6:30-8:30pm: Faith Pool Party at Nichols Park Pool

Sunday, August 10, 9:30am: Worship

4:00pm: JACC Family Day at Community Park

Friday, August 15, 6:00pm: Esprit de Corps Performance at Faith

Saturday, August 16, 6:00pm: Esprit de Corps Performance at Faith

News Updates

Faith Pool Party - Rescheduled!

Join us on Thursday, August 7th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Nichols Park Pool for a pool party! In addition to the splashing and splashing, we'll have lawn games available for those who want to join in the fun but don't want to swim. Feel free to bring snacks and nonalcoholic drinks, and invite friends to join you. We can have up to 80 swimmers. This event is brought to you by the newly formed Gathering in Faith Together (GIFT) Team. Look for more events for the whole congregation coming soon!

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

With summer here and kids being out of school, there is need for lunch foods that kids can "cook" easily at home. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet).

A Day at the Ferris Wheel at Community Park

On August 10, the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches (JACC) is hosting a community day at the park from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There will be free Ferris Wheel rides, hotdogs and drinks, live music, bounce houses, and more. If you would like to help in any way, from planning to serving to playing music, please let Pastor Adam know. This event is part of the Jacksonville 200th anniversary and a partnership with the Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen.